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THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

POPULAR OPINION FOUND TO SUSTAIN THE VETO MESSAGE—DEBATE ON THE CENTENNIAL APPROPRIATION BILL—VIRTUAL DEFEAT OF THE BILL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The new Finance bill has been much discussed to-day privately, and considerable opposition has been shown. Many think the omission of the section regarding reserves would have strengthened the bill. Others object to the increase of the bonded debt which the sale of bonds to retire greenbacks would occasion. But, on the whole, the spirit of comment is quite favorable. It is now well understood among Western men, generally, that the President's veto is a much more popular document than inflation speeches, and all that class of Congressmen who favored the inflation, less from their own judgment than from the supposition that their constituents demanded it, have considerably modified the billigerent purposes which they recently entertained. A few prominent men in Congress look for the failure of the Free Banking bill, and the passage of the Controller's Redistribution bill. Probably the subject will be taken up again next week, and will absorb the attention of Congress till it is settled.

An inflation member of Congress, just returned from an extended visit in the West, reports a very different state of feeling among his constituents from what is generally believed to be the sentiments of their constituents by most Western members. He represents that the veto message is almost universally approved, and that even in Indiana four-fifths of all he met approved it. He found that even the grangers in several of the States were earnest advocates of the veto message and of hard money, and earnestly opposed to any steps toward repudiation.

THE CENTENNIAL DEBATE AND DEFEAT.

The Centennial bill met with what now seems to be its defeat in the House, after a protracted and animated debate. The question is not, however, fully settled, as the House adjourned before making final disposition of it. The bill was defeated by a majority of forty-six votes, but pending the motion to table the bill the House adjourned. It is now the purpose of the friends of the centennial to defeat the motion to table, and pass the bill if possible, and, that failing, to have the bill recommitted, in order that some compromise measure can be devised by which, in some way, the Government may be induced to lend aid to the scheme. It has been suggested that the appropriation might be reduced to $1,000,000, in which event it might have a better chance for passage. Others are in favor of keeping the bill in the committee, if it goes there, until next session, in the expectation that many Congressmen may change their votes after the Fall elections. It is generally believed, however, that such aid would come too late. The debate, which lasted four hours, was limited to twenty-minute speeches, with the exception of the speech of Gen. Hawley. Mr. Cain, colored member from South Carolina, thought that the money would be well expended, in that it would tend to harmonize the sections and materially benefit the country. Gen. Garfield believed that the Government was in no way pledged, and, considering the scheme upon its merits, did not favor it. He believed, rather, that the celebration should be purely a national one, and he advocated the theory of Senator Sumner. Mr. Dawes, as was to be expected, shook the national balance-sheet over the heads of those who, as he said, asked for $3,000,000 for the show. He did not know where the money was to come from. He did not believe that the Government was committed, or that its honor was at stake, and in the matter of honor, he wanted all to know that the Government was pledged to place $29,000,000 in the sinking fund before July 1, not one dollar of which has yet been provided. Gen. Hawley made the speech of the day, and it was a very notable speech for any day. He made a strong argument to show that the Government was committed to the Cehtennial, and had given it its international character. He replied with great spirit to the charge that the Centennial Commissioners had sought to entrap Congress. He thought it would be difficult for the Secretary of State to write to foreign countries excusing a Yankee Congress for violating Yankee faith. He was very severe upon Mr. Dawes. In reply to his doleful burden of woe as regards the sinking fund, he asked who was the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the House, and why, if there was a dishonorable deficit, as Mr. Dawes had claimed, he had not the courage and manliness to bring in a tax bill. For himself, if there was a dishonorable deficit, he knew that his constituents would support him in any vote he would give for an increase of taxation to save the nation's honor. Mr. Hawley's peroration was a very eloquent description of the progress and development of the material resources and of the intellectual achievements of the country. The vote upon the order to engross the bill was defeated by a vote of 92 yeas to 138 nays. Eugene Hale, of Maine, then moved to reconsider and table the last vote, thus exhibiting his active opposition to the end. The latter motion, however, was rejected by a vote of 117 yeas to 120 nays. The vote by which the House refused to order the engrossment was then reconsidered by a vote of 114 yeas to 112 nays. Thereupon a motion was made to recommit the bill. Before this could be put the House adjourned. The Pennsylvania people and other friends of the bill are very busy to-night in the hope of changing enough votes to pass the bill to-morrow.

REDUCING THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT FORCE.

The Treasury Department, in anticipation of the passage of the bill reducing the number of clerks, has taken some action looking to a reduction of 300 on the 1st of July. An order has been promulgated that any clerk who will voluntarily resign may receive leave of absence and full pay until June 30. This inducement is not received with great alacrity by the clerks, and none have yet been heard of who intend to resign.

THE CUSTOMS SERVICE.

Mr. Fenton succeeded in having the Senate take up his bill to remedy abuses in the Customs service, and he finally consented to its reference to the Finance Committee, of which he is a member. Several members of this committee are favorable to the bill. It will probably be reported to the Senate soon. Mr. Morton came to the assistance of Mr. Fenton to-day, and expressed the wish that the bill should not be allowed to slumber in any committee-room. There was a long discussion before the bill was referred, Mr. Edmonds opposing some of its provisions, which left it in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury to fix the salary of Custom-house officers at various minor ports. Mr. Chandler, Chairman of the Commerce Committee, stated that the delay by his committee in reporting the bill to the Senate was due to the House investigation upon the same subject, the committee deeming it expedient to wait until that body should take action.

BACKWARD STATE OF BUSINESS IN CONGRESS.

The Senate to-day, at the request of Mr. Morrell, of Maine, Chairman of Committee on Appropriations, authorized that committee to sit during the sessions of the Senate, that the bills upon which it has to pass may be perfected as speedily as possible. As an illustration of the backward condition of business in this session, it may be stated that the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Appropriation bill at the last long session of Congress came over to the Senate in January, and then about three months elapsed before it was finally perfected by the two Houses and sent to the President. It is fair to presume that at least two months will be required to complete it this year, and as there are ten or twelve other appropriation bills to follow it, to say nothing of the financial problem, the prospects of an adjournment till late in the Summer are far from good.

EXPORT OF DISTILLED SPIRITS.

The bill to facilitate the exportation of distilled spirits, and amendatory of the acts in relation thereto, which passed the Senate yesterday, was worded in such a manner as to make its intention rather obscure, and a motion to reconsider the vote by which it passed was made by Mr. Anthony to-day; but, after some debate, it was decided to leave the matter to a committee of conference. Mr. Conkling took occasion to-day to speak of the obscurity which often attended the phraseology of bills amendatory of laws, and the necessity of more care. The object of the bill was to provide for the cancellation of the original bond upon giving a bond of exportation at the port of shipment, and further to allow spirits to be consigned to a port named, or any other, instead of a particular port only, as provided by the present law.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE MARSHALS.

Attorney General Williams was before the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice this morning, in the matter of the alleged fraud in the Western District of Arkansas. He himself has long favored the abolition of the district, and so informed the committee. The committee were much impressed with the frankness and manliness of Mr. Williams' statement. While Congress and the public rather desire to hold the Department of Justice responsible for all expenditures in Marshals' offices, the Marshals are not really under the direct control of the Department of Justice, but under the almost absolute power of the Judges. Although the Attorney General constantly informs Marshals that they must reduce their expenses and keep them each year within certain fixed limits, yet the Judge has absolute power to commit a Marshal for contempt should he neglect subpœnas or to execute the process of the court. Over this the Attorney General has no control, and this very fact has been the cause of the very great expenditures in the Western District of Arkansas. The district is very large, embracing the Indian Territory, into which processes run, and the mileage and incidental expenses of witnesses are large. It is entirely beyond the power of the Attorney General to regulate these matters in districts where Judges choose to exercise their power, as, under the law, their power is greater than the Attorney General's.

PRODUCERS AS RETAILERS OF LEAF TOBACCO.

The Committee on Ways and Means have agreed to a bill which permits producers to sell to consumers 100 pounds of leaf tobacco annually. The bill is not approved at the Bureau of Internal Revenue, as it is feared that it will open the way to very great fraud, and that it would be impossible for any officers to tell whether a producer had sold 100 or a great many hundred pounds.

AN EFFORT TO EXPEDITE BUSINESS.

A caucus of Republican Senators has been called to-night, to meet to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. The purpose of the caucus is understood to be to determine the order and precedence of business for the remainder of the session, with a view to save time wasted every few days in a struggle in open session between the friends of measures seeking precedence, and to hasten thus the day of final adjournment.

ARBITRATION INSTEAD OF WAR—THE PRESIDENT'S OPINION.

Dr. J. B. Miles, Secretary of the International Code Society, organized last year at Brussels, who is also Secretary of the American Peace Society, is here in accordance with the directions of the meeting recently held at Cooper Institute, to urge the adoption by Congress of resolutions favoring a system of international arbitration. He had an interview with President Grant to-day, at which the President expressed a very warm interest in the movement, and said: "The nations are fast becoming so civilized as to feel that there is a better way to settle their difficulties than by fighting." Dr. Miles also had interviews with other distinguished men, and was informed by Senator Washburn that the resolutions providing for an expression of opinion by Congress in favor of international arbitration will soon be called up by him, (Mr. Washburn,) and their reference to the Committee on Foreign Relations requested. Mr. Miles this evening delivered an address on the subject before a public meeting at the Congregational church.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Capt. J. B. Creighton is ordered as a member of the Examining and Retiring Board at Washington, D. C.; Lieut. Charles O. Allibone, to the Independence, at Mare Island, Cal.; Assistant Surgeon James M. Ambler to the Naval Academy; Assistant Surgeon David O. Lewis to the Potomac; Passed Assistant Paymaster H. T. B. Harris to the Roanoke, temporarily. Lieut. Commander Henry H. Gorringe is detached from command of the Mayflower, and ordered to the Hydrographic Office.

THE STEAMER TUSCARORA.

Dispatches to the Navy Department report that the United States steamer Tuscarora, Commander Belknap, engaged in taking deep-sea soundings, left Honolulu March 18, and arrived at Yokohama, Japan, April 27, having made seventy-two casts, the deepest of which was 3,287 fathoms. She will now examine the south-east coast of Japan, and from there carry a line of soundings to Tonoga, Aleutian Islands, and from thence complete the arc of the great circle to the point reached last Fall from Puget Sound.

THE GETTYSBURG AT KEY WEST.

Lieut. Commander McRichie, commanding the Gettysburg, telegraphs from Key West, this morning, the safe arrival of that vessel at that port with the Darien Canal Commissioners. All well on board. The Gettysburg will leave for Hampton Roads on Saturday next.

BARS TO REDEEM GOLD CERTIFICATES.

The following is the full text of the bill which passed the Senate to-day, and awaits the action of the House:

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury may, from time to time, transfer to the office of the Assistant Treasurer at New-York, from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at New-York, refined gold bars bearing the United States stamp of fineness, weight, and value, or bars from any melt of foreign gold coin or bullion of a standard equal to or above that of the United States, and may apply the same to the redemption of coin certificates, or in exchange for gold coin at not less than par, subject to such regulations as he may prescribe.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL EXPENSE BILL.

The House Committee on Appropriations to-day, the Sundry Civil Expense bill being under discussion, heard Prof. Baird on the subject of fish culture. He showed that it was practicable to introduce shad in the waters of the Mississippi, and asks an appropriation for that purpose. Senator Kelly, of Oregon, was also heard in advocacy of an appropriation of $125,000 for a new revenue cutter for that section of the country.

CURRENCY BALANCES.

The balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day were as follows: Currency, $7,365,454; special deposit of legal tenders for redemption of certificates of deposit, $53,250,000; coin, $89,318,652; including coin certificates, $36,024,800; outstanding legal tenders, $382,000,000.

SECRETARY RICHARDSON.

A letter was received here to-day from Secretary Richardson, dated Augusta, Ga., 5th. Mr. Richardson was in excellent health, and will return to Washington early next week.

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE.

The Senate Committee on Commerce to-day heard argument by Wm. Allen Butler, representing the New-York Commissioners of Pilots, the Board of Underwriters, and the Sandy Hook pilots, in opposition to Mr. Hamlin's bill for the abolition of compulsory pilotage. The committee took no action on the bill, but held it for further consideration.

BURGLARS CAPTURED.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 7.—A dispatch from Cohoes says Detective Mullen, of Albany, has succeeded in unearthing the perpetrators of the many recent burglaries in this city and vicinity, and has safely caged three of them, named William Schofield, Peter Relyea, and Joseph Relyea. The former has made a sworn confession, which proves beyond doubt that the right men are in custody.

HANDEL AND HAYDN.

THE TRIENNIAL FESTIVAL IN BOSTON.

MENDELSSOHN'S CANTATA "HEAR MY PRAYER," AND UNFINISHED ORATORIO "CHRISTUS," AND MR. BUCK'S CANTATA "GOD IS A REFUGE."

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BOSTON, May 7.—The concert this afternoon was the most interesting that has thus far been given, chiefly on account of its witnessing the first performance with orchestra of three excellent choral works. These works were Mendelssohn's cantata "Hear My Prayer," the selections published from the unfinished oratorio of the same writer, "Christus," and Mr. Dudley Buck's cantata "God is a Refuge," a setting of the Forty-sixth Psalm. The first named has been sung with piano accompaniment, by several small choral societies in and around Boston. It was first presented by the Parker Club, an extinct organization, which was composed of the best vocalists in the city. "Christus" was once rehearsed by a small club under Mr. Otto Dresel, and another club in Cambridge took it up under Mr. John K. Paine's direction. Mr. Buck's psalm was sung about two years ago by the Foster Club, a private society, whose attention is entirely directed to the study of new works. To some of the choir each of the three works was somewhat familiar, but the greater part of the audience probably heard them all for the first time. The solos in the first-named were sung by Miss Wynn. The involuntary tribute of tears was paid by many in return for her delicious singing. The appealing cry which opens the work, and the song which relieves the overcharged heart, "Oh for the wings of a dove," were sung with faultless expression. If there was a slight trace of hoarseness, it was readily overlooked or forgotten in view of the exquisite tenderness of her rendering. The remnants of "Christus," which Mendelssohn's executors permitted to be published, do not show the author in his best vein. The work lacks the inspiration which shines all through "St. Paul" and "Elijah" and his minor sacred writings. Some of the old fire sparkles in the chorus of the Jews, "Crucify Him," and the trio of the three wise men, at the beginning is a fine piece of writing. There is little in the way of solos. The trio was sung by Messrs. W. J. Winch, J. F. Winch, and M. W. Whitney. The soprano (Miss Wynne) has one short recitative, and to the tenor voice are assigned the connecting links of narrative in recitative. The subject is treated much after the manner of Bach in the passion music chorals, being interspersed with the narrative and dramatic portions, and serving as personal reflections on thoughts suggested by the story. The story itself is the same as Bach illustrates by his passion music.

Mr. Buck's psalm was well received. The author is widely known by his church writings and adaptations of music for the church service. He is still a young man, and his reputation is daily increasing. He is an organist of great ability, a graceful writer of verses, and an excellent German scholar. To a collegiate education was added a long course of study in Liepsic, under Julius Reitz, in company with Arthur Sullivan. In all his vocal compositions he shows a remarkable ability as a writer for the voice, and yet produces effects of form and harmony which show the freshness of his genius. His ability as an orchestral writer is also great. A Boston audience had had a previous opportunity of judging of his quality from a performance of the overture to "The Legend of Don Munio," at a recent concert by the Howard Musical Association. Mr. Thomas will probably perform this overture at the opening concert in the Central Park Gardens next week. His psalm is the first work by an American writer sung by the society. It is not too much to say that the work suffered nothing by its close companionship to writings of the same class by a recognized master. The psalm is the same as served for Martin Luther's famous choral, "Ein Feste Burg," but God's protecting power is asserted by Mrs. Buck with the calm consciousness of assured belief, while in the choral the thought or belief is almost defiantly expressed. The whole work is full of melody, inspiration, and skillful treatment of orchestral resources. The solos were sung by Mrs. J. Houston West, Miss Cary, and Messrs. Whitney, J. F. Winch, and Varley. Mrs. West has been so useful in oratorio performances, and in many ways has been such an admirable artist, that it is an ungracious and almost ungrateful task to speak of her as *passée*. Notes above the staff are seldom musical utterances in her case. Everything went smoothly for the most part this afternoon. Orchestra and chorus and most of the soloists were in excellent condition.

The programme also included Gluck's overture to "Iphigenia in Aulis," with the ending added by Mozart for concert use; *Uriel's* song, "In Native Worth," from Haydn's "Creation," sung by Mr. Varley, who was in fair voice, and who wisely refrained from over exertion, and *Orpheus'* Lament for his lost *Eurydice*, from Gluck's "Orpheus," sung with great tenderness by Miss Cary. There was no concert to-night, but a full rehearsal, by soloists, chorus, and orchestra, of Mr. Paine's oratorio of "St. Peter," which is to be performed on Saturday night. A concert of symphony and other classical music will be given to-morrow afternoon, and in the evening Bach's passion music will be given for the first time in America.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

TRANSPORTATION BY THE ST. LAWRENCE—PROPOSED CHARTER OF A COMPANY WITH $5,000,000 CAPITAL.

OTTAWA, Canada, May 7.—In Parliament last night the bill to incorporate the International Transportation Company, with a capital of $5,000,000, was read a third time. This company proposes with its capital and the commercial influence of the Western States to utilize the St. Lawrence and its inland seas. It is said that the products moving to market from the upper lakes via the St. Lawrence through the ports of Montreal or Quebec, or from Montreal via the Richelieu to Burlington, and from thence to the markets of New-England, or to Boston or to Portland for shipment, would gain from ten to twenty days in time, and would cost from twenty-five to thirty per cent. less in freight and charges than by the Erie Canal, Albany and New-York, and that the imports from England can be laid down in Chicago, via Montreal, cheaper. The association is to establish regular lines of propellers between Montreal and all the important lake cities, and organize a through line of freight cars between Montreal, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, &c., and from Montreal to the sea-board cities of New-England and the maritime provinces, thus inaugurating, in connection with the regular line of steam-ships, a system of cheap freights from the interior to Europe, &c., and thus making the cotton and tobacco stored on the Ohio or at St. Louis subservient to Montreal, as it now is to New-York or Baltimore.

A PUGILIST SHOT.

PITTSBURG, Penn., May 7.—A special dispatch to the *Evening Chronicle* from Petrolia City, Butler County, Penn., says Ben Hogan, the pugilist, was shot at that place about 1 o'clock this morning. Two unknown men had a dispute in Hogan's house, when a woman named Miss Vic. Vanmapes interfered and drew a revolver on one of the men. Hogan attempted to knock the revolver from her hand, when it went off, the ball entering his groin. Hogan is now lying in a critical condition. The ball has not been extracted, and the physicians are unable to say whether or not the wound will prove fatal.

KANSAS PACIFIC RAILWAY ELECTION.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 7.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kansas Pacific Railway was held at St. Lawrence to-day.

Robert E. Carr was elected President of the company, and the following gentlemen were elected Directors: Robert E. Carr, Adolphus Meier, C. S. Greeley, B. W. Lewis, Jr., S. M. Edgell, John D. Perry, Theodore G. Meier, and Robert Barth, of St. Louis; Thos. A. Scott and Mathew Baird, of Philadelphia, and L. H. Meyer, of New-York.

THE INUNDATIONS.

STARVING PEOPLE EATING CATTLE THAT HAD STARVED OR BEEN DROWNED.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 7.—S. Johnson, a planter from Chicot County, Ark., who arrived here this morning, brings distressing accounts of the suffering among the laborers and their families in that vicinity, many of whom, he says, have subsisted for several days upon carcasses of cattle that had died of starvation or been drowned in the overflow. The citizens complain of the action of the New-Orleans Relief Committee in not sending supplies outside the State of Louisiana, but this arises doubtless from the scarcity of the supplies and the great amount of destitution nearer New-Orleans. The Relief Committee have actively engaged in collecting supplies to relieve the immediate wants of these people. Further trouble is apprehended from the rise in the St. Francis River.

RESULTS OF THE OVERFLOW IN LOUISIANA.

NEW-ORLEANS, May 7.—The Governor and Relief Committee receive letters daily from the overflowed parishes, giving details of the condition of the inhabitants. Recent letters from Catahoula, Caldwell, Concordia, Franklin, Ouachita, Rapides, and Tensas Parishes show no improvement, but indicate additional affliction by sickness. From the great mass of correspondence the following is selected as showing substantially the purport of the whole: Mr. Redditt, writing from Cuba, Ouachita Parish, says: "The country for miles around is submerged, and twelve farms are almost entirely under water within three miles of this place, with a population of 700 persons, from the breaking of the Cuba levee. The levee broke on April 8, and the current of water was so strong that it washed away everything on my lot except my dwelling-house and store-house. My corn, horses, and oxen are all gone. The water in my dwelling is four feet deep, and rushes through in such a current as to make it tremble like a leaf; but look not to me alone. There are 600 or 700 others similarly situated within three miles."

W. J. Ellis has lost everything. The water on the floor of his dwelling is five feet deep, and he has not one pound of provisions on hand for himself and fifteen freedmen, and no chance of getting any in the neighborhood.

Dr. E. C. Burch, writing from Boscobel Plantation, Ouachita Parish, says there are 3,000 people within the limits of his practice, many of whom are suffering from sickness caused by exposure on account of the overflow. He is unable to supply the demand for medicines, and asks that medicine be forwarded, offering to distribute it to the sick and suffering.

SIGNAL OFFICE REPORTS ON THE RIVERS.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The Signal Office reports, during the past twenty-four hours, that the Mississippi has continued falling at St. Paul, and has risen slightly from La Crosse to Cairo. It has fallen one inch at Memphis, Vicksburg, New-Orleans; has risen five inches at Helena. The Missouri has fallen two feet at Yankton, risen two inches at Omaha, and fourteen inches at Leavenworth, and fallen from Kansas City to its mouth. The Ohio has fallen from Pittsburg to Evansville, and risen two inches at Paducah. The greatest fall has been forty-six inches at Louisville and thirty-eight inches at Cincinnati. The Red River, the Arkansas, Cumberland, Alleghany, and Monongahela have fallen steadily, but slowly. There has been no rain-fall at any of the signal stations within the water-sheds of the rivers named during this period.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RELIEF FUND.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—The total contributions to the Louisiana sufferers thus far amount to over $18,000.

THE CUSTOMS.

DECISIONS BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The Treasury Department has made the following decisions: Goods imported into an interior port, under act of July 14, 1870, are not subject to additional duty of ten per cent., if withdrawn for consumption within one year from date of arrival at such port. Peanuts are held to be dutiable as fruits at the rate of one cent per pound. Article 334 of the Customs regulations is amended as follows: Wherever it may be necessary to require an importer to give a bond for the production of a consular invoice of free goods, such bond will be taken in the penal sum of $100. Article 240 of the Customs regulations of 1874 is to be construed as allowing consular sealed cars containing free goods, arriving from foreign contiguous territory, to go forward to destination, if such destination is a port of entry, without inspection and entry of the goods at the first port of arrival. Mohair or worsted serges which are used for lining coats, &c., not being, in any view of the case, women's and children's dress goods, nor real or imitation Italian cloths, cannot be classified under the provision for such merchandise, but should, as they are not otherwise provided for, be classified under the provision in the second section of the act of March, 1867, and pay duty at the rates therein prescribed less ten per cent., according to their value per pound weight.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

The internal revenue receipts, yesterday, were $501,537.

The Alabama Agricultural Fair opened yesterday at Mobile. Visitors from all parts of the country were in the city.

S. D. Johnson, Commissioner of Merrimac County, N. H., died at his residence in Hill, N. H., on Wednesday evening, of pneumonia.

Leonard Swett, Esq., of Chicago, arrived at Yankton, Dakota Territory, last night, it is understood, to assist in the defense of Wintermute in his coming trial.

Ex-President Andrew Johnson addressed the citizens of Nashville, Tenn., on the public square, last evening, upon the financial condition of the State.

All hope has been given up of the ship Garden Reach, of Boston, Capt. Gilmore, 974 tons, from Boston, for Liverpool, Feb. 17. She had a crew of twenty men and a cargo worth $116,719.

A private view of the "Prodigal Son," Dubufe's famous picture, was given 6th inst. at Concert Hall, Philadelphia, to a distinguished company. The work is now on public exhibition.

A large posse of State constables gathered at Worcester, Mass., yesterday morning, and paid simultaneous visits to eighteen of the principal "Schenk's beer" saloons, and seized about 100 kegs.

John D. Stevenson, a nephew of Gov. Brown, of Tennessee, was shot and killed by John W. Carter, about eleven miles east of Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday. Stevenson is said to have been deranged.

The jury in the case of Snyder against the Mutual Life Insurance Company, in Philadelphia, returned a verdict for the plaintiff yesterday, awarding for the widow, Anna Snyder, $10,600; for the son, Lewis M. Snyder, $21,200—in all $31,800, the amount of the policies with one year's interest.

Joseph H. Blackburn, Ex-United States Marshal of the Nashville, Tenn., District, was sentenced by Judge Trigg, in the United States District Court, on Wednesday, to four and a half years' imprisonment at hard labor in the State Prison, for forging the signatures on his official bond.

STRIKE AT ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO.

ST. CATHARINES, Ontario, May 7.—The strike among the canal laborers still continues. The men have driven off teams and teamsters, and threaten to break the machines if work is not stopped. The machines have been removed, and all work suspended.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

SPAIN.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SERRANO ON HIS SUCCESSES IN THE NORTH—DON CARLOS STILL PROCLAIMING.

MADRID, May 7.—Castellar has tendered his congratulations to Marshal Serrano on his success in the north of Spain.

Replying to the congratulations of a provincial deputation, Marshal Serrano said that the Carlist movement was only shaken, not vanquished entirely.

Don Carlos has issued a proclamation to his followers expressing confidence that his cause will eventually triumph.

GERMANY ASKED TO RECOGNIZE THE REPUBLIC.

LONDON, May 8—6 A. M.—After the capture of Bilbao by Marshal Serrano, the Spanish Government again applied to Germany for recognition of the Republic.

Detached bands of Carlists continue to harass the neighborhood of Bilbao.

GREAT BRITAIN.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MEXICO—SIXTH ARTICLE OF THE WASHINGTON TREATY—ERIE.

LONDON, May 7.—In the House of Commons, to-day, in reply to Mr. George Anderson, member for Glasgow, Hon. Robert Bourke, Under Secretary for the Foreign Department, said her Majesty's Government desires the resumption of diplomatic relations with Mexico, and is ready to receive overtures to that end, but none such have as yet been received.

Mr. Bourke, also in reply to Sir Henry Wolff, said that the present Government had not considered it their duty to take steps to carry into execution the sixth clause of the Treaty of Washington.

In reply to an inquiry from Mr. Julian Goldsmid, Sir C. B. Adderly, President of the Board of Trade, stated that Mr. Tyler, a Government Inspector attached to the Board of Trade, was going to America on two years' leave of absence to examine into the affairs of the Erie Railway, but the arrangement was a private one, of which the Government was not officially cognizant.

Mr. Goldsmid gave notice that he would call the attention of the House to the matter.

END OF THE COAL MINERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, May 7.—The coal miners of Durham have yielded to the terms of the employers, and the strike has ended.

THE CARGO OF THE OHIO MUCH DAMAGED.

LONDON, May 7.—The fire on the American steam-ship Ohio has been extinguished. Her cargo is much damaged.

SIR LAMBTON LORRAINE PRONOUNCES A NEW-YORK INTERVIEW FICTITIOUS.

LONDON, May 7.—Sir Lambton Lorraine, in a communication to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, says: "The reported interview with myself, published in a New-York paper, is fictitious. I never said that blood was thicker than water; that the people of England have a strong affection for their American cousins, and that it would give me great pleasure to receive a silver brick. Whatever may be my opinions, I am no admirer of those Englishmen who are given to fawning upon their American cousins at the expense of their own self-respect."

CUBA.

OFFICIAL FAREWELL DINNER TO THE CHINESE COMMISSIONER.

HAVANA, May 7.—Captain General Concha gave a farewell dinner to-night to Chin-Lan-Pin, the Chinese Commissioner. The heads of the various departments and other distinguished persons were present.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a spark from a passing locomotive on the Falls Branch of the New-York Central Railroad, between the canal and the lake, fired a woodshed of the New-York Central Road, at Buffalo, destroying it and the temporary engine-houses of the Canada Southern and Great Western Railroads. During the height of the fire, Wm. Golden, an engineer of the Great Western Railway, with William Busbee, a fireman, and Morgan, a watchman, rushed into the building, jumped on engine No. 17, which had steam up, and brought it through the sheet of fire out of the house, burning himself terribly and the other two badly. Engine No. 172, also in the building, but without steam up, was entirely destroyed. The loss on the buildings, engine, &c., is about $20,000. A heavy gale was blowing from the lake at the time.

A private dispatch from Clyde, Mich., states that the saw-mill and lumber-yard of Eggleston, Hazelton & Co. was burned at that place yesterday afternoon. Loss estimated at $30,000; insurance, $28,000, including $2,500 each in the Hudson, Jersey City, Millville of New-Jersey, Allemania of Pittsburg, and Allemania of Cleveland; $1,000 each in the Home of Texas and the Bootman's of Pittsburg, and $3,500 in the Kansas.

A fire yesterday morning, on Chelsea street, Bunker Hill District, Boston, destroyed the large wooden building owned by Mrs. Garret Nagle, and occupied by John Cass, carpenter and builder, and other mechanics; loss, $10,000; partly insured.

The saw and grist mill of Messrs. Schofield & Co., at Newport, Washington County, Minn., was burned on Wednesday; loss, $12,000; partially covered by insurance.

Charles Cooper's soap factory, on River street, Cambridgeport, Mass., was burned yesterday morning; loss, $4,000; insurance, $2,000.

The round-house of the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad, at Springfield, Ill., was burned on Wednesday night; loss, $25,000.

A fire in Midland, Mich., on Wednesday, destroyed eight buildings, all occupied as places of business; loss, $25,000; partially insured.

LOCAL FIRES.

At 10:30 o'clock last night a fire occurred in the store of A. Sally, dealer in hats, caps, and furs, at No. 220 Bowery, resulting in the total destruction of the stock. The loss is claimed to be $8,000, and is fully covered by insurance. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained, but will be investigated to-day by Fire Marshal Sheldon.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 7.—The Committee of Arrangements for the fifteenth amendment anniversary exercises have changed the place for holding the celebration from Oberlin to this city, assigning as the reason for the change that the citizens of Oberlin have neither shown regard for the efforts of the committee nor treated the members with due respect.

DAKOTA POLITICS.

YANKTOWN, D. T., May 7.—Two wings of the Republicans have united in a call for a Territorial Convention, to nominate delegates and Territorial officers, to be held at Elk Point July 16.

THE UNITARIAN CONFERENCE AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, May 7.—At a session of the Unitarian Conference last night speeches were made by Robert Collyer, of Chicago; Rev. R. R. Shippen, Secretary of the American Unitarian Conference; Dr. Sonnenschein, Rabbi of one of the Jewish synagogues of this city, and Rev. E. P. Powell, until recently the Pastor of one of the Congregational churches here. The sessions of the conference are almost entirely devoted to reading essays on subjects affecting the Church and humanity at large, and their discussion by members.

THE SWING HERESY TRIAL.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF THE ACCUSED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, May 7.—The Presbytery made slow work to-day in its investigations into the orthodoxy of Prof. Swing. On the opening of the session the clergymen devoted themselves to the correction of the minutes of the preceding day's meeting, and occupied fully an hour in this work. A witness, in the person of Horace Waite, elder in Prof. Swing's Church, was then put upon the inquisitorial rack, and questioned as to his opinion of Swing's Calvanistic ideas. So so far as the sermons were a criterion, Waite made his testimony direct to the point, and expressed himself as never having had any doubts as to the orthodoxy of his Pastor. He had listened to his sermons since the union of the North Avenue and West Minster Churches and had failed to discover anything that could approach to Unitarianism. At this point Poof. Patton thought he saw an opportunity to weaken the testimony of the witness by asking a definition of Unitarianism, its principles, and the doctrines. The witness succinctly stated that it was a church without a formulated theology, and that the sermons of Prof. Swing strongly manifested a belief in the formulated doctrines of the Presbyterian Church. At the conclusion of the evidence Prof. Patton moved and argued at length for the suppression of a portion of Waite's testimony, that had reference to Prof. Swing's preachings before the fire of 1871. The motion was followed by long and windy debates by the clergymen, and was finally voted down. Thrice did Patton strive to supress the testimony, each time varying his motion, and thrice did the Presbytery refuse to grant the request. The wrangle over these motions occupied nearly two hours. The Presbytery meets to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

DEATH OF A VICTIM OF THE YOUNGER BROTHERS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Capt. Lewis J. Lull, the detective sent out by Allan Pinkerton to look after the Younger brothers, and other desparadoes in South-western Missouri, died last night from injuries received. Capt. Lull left here on 3d of March. On the 17th, he, while in company with another of Pinkerton's detectives, named Wright, and a Deputy Sheriff, named Daniels, ran across the Younger boys, a sharp fight followed. The Deputy Sheriff was killed, so was one of the Youngers. Lull was badly wounded, and Wright escaped by flight. Since then Lull has been hovering between life and death. The ball passed through one lung, and hopes were long since given over of his recovery. His wife was with him and nursed him tenderly, but she could not save him. Lull was, for some time, Captain of Police in this city, but with the last political change in the administration of municipal affairs he lost his official head and went into Pinkerton's employ. A few years ago he was a midshipmen in the navy.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, May 7.—In the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to-day, a committee of one from each annual conference was appointed to investigate the case of Rev. Lorenzo D. Huston, expelled from the Baltimore Conference. A resolution of regret was offered in regard to the murder of Rev. Mr. Stevens in Mexico, and appointing the fifth Sabbath of this month as the time when prayer should be offered in behalf of foreign missions. Referred to the Committee on Missions. A resolution proposing to transfer the power of licensing, and recommending preachers from quarterly to district conferences, was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Bishop Payne, in behalf of the College of Bishops, in answer to a resolution offered yesterday requesting information as to the ordination and election of native-born missionaries, stated it as the decision of the college that the matter should be left with the Bishop in charge of mission matters. The motion was laid on the table for one day. A resolution was offered calling for the appointment of a committee of three to correspond with the various Methodist bodies of both Europe and America, looking, first, to the union of the various missionary efforts throughout the world; second, to the adoption of a common hymn-book; and third, the adoption of some plan by which preachers may be more easily transferred from one conference to another. The resolutions were laid on the table.

Bishop Paine stated he had received a communication from a gentleman appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to convey to this body its fraternal greetings, announcing their presence in Louisville. The communication was presented and read as follows:

GALT HOUSE, Louisville, Ky., May 7, 1874.

To the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session in Louisville, Ky.:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN: We, the undersigned, have been appointed by the General Conference of the Methodists Episcopal Church to convey the fraternal greetings of the said body to the General Conference of the Methodis Episcopal Church, we await your pleasure.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT S. HUNT.
CHARLES H. FOWLER.
CLINTON B. FISK.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That it be the pleasure of the General Conference to receive the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church on to-morrow morning at 10:30, to receive the fraternal greetings they bring to us from their Church; and that the Committee on Introductions inform them of the readiness of the conference to receive them at the hour appointed.

After some further routine business, the conference adjourned.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, May 8—1 A. M.—The barometer continues high in the southern portion of the United States. It has risen in New-England and the Middle States. It has fallen in the North-west, where it is low.

The temperature has risen slightly on the South Atlantic coast, thence north-westward to the Missouri Valley.

Cool and clear weather with south to west winds prevails in New-England and the Middle States, and in the western portion of the lower lake region.

Clear weather and southerly winds are reported from the remaining districts.

PROBABILITIES.

For New-England, the Middle States, and lower lake region, generally clear weather and south-east to south-west winds will prevail, with a slight rise in temperature, and falling barometer.

For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, generally clear weather, southerly to westerly winds, no decided change in temperature, and continued high barometer.

For the upper lake region, and thence southward over the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, generally clear weather, south-east to south-west winds, rising

The importance of this matter has not been either understood or appreciated by our citizens. The great want of the hour is enlarged outlets for the commerce of our chain of inland seas; and if we would secure to our City its great natural advantages, and insure to ourselves a fair share of the business of the growing West, we must prepare an enlarged water-way, or the St. Lawrence will continue, from year to year, to divert trade which would naturally seek our City. If our members will carefully examine the statistics contained in *The Agricultural Products of the Country*, recently presented by our valued friend, Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, they will be better able to appreciate the efforts which have left our State untrammelled as to any future enlargement of the canals. The law creating a permanent Court of Arbitration in connection with the Chamber has just been passed, and the appointments of one of our eminent Judges to fill the position of arbitrator gives an increased interest and importance to this movement, which, it is believed, will be of great moment to commerce and the merchants of our City; and, I trust, not only our members, but merchants and business men generally, will carefully examine the law. But, gentlemen, I must not detain you longer, and will now ask your attention to the first regular toast.

THE TOASTS.

The first toast proposed was "The President of the United States."

"Patient in toil, serene amidst alarms,
Inflexible in faith, invincible in arms."

This was greeted by a perfect whirlwind of applause. The entire assemblage rose in their places, and cheered with the utmost enthusiasm.

The second toast was, "Her Britannic Majesty, Queen Victoria, the worthy successor of the sovereign who granted our charter."

It was received with quite as much favor as was its predecessor. Following it were the regular toasts of the evening, the responses to which will be found below:

THE STATE OF NEW-YORK.

Responded to by Hon. Noah Davis.

The President gave the following as the next regular toast: "The State of New-York: First in wealth, first in population, first in commerce—may she always maintain her proud pre-eminence."

Judge Noah Davis in responding said:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: To the toast which so justly epitomizes the supremacy of our State it were more fitting that the response should come from the lips of our loved and honored Chief Magistrate. He is indeed a bold man who shall venture to speak *for* Gov. Dix; but *of* him, each one of us is ready and proud to speak. He entered the Executive Chamber with more than half a century of public services and illustrious honors clustering around him, yet every day he has gathered new titles to the confidence and respect—nay, to the personal love of the people. They told us he was "too old" to be trusted at the helm! Thank heaven! he has proved to be too old for fraud—too old for crime—too old for the public plunderers—too old to see anything but duty—to fear anything but God. The snows of seventy-six have never quenched in him "the spirit of '76." The same hand that penned the telegram that first awoke our nation to a just sense of the retribution due to him who should "attempt to pull down the American flag," wrote the message that lately bore to the dust the flag of infidelity and national dishonor. Who renders such service is never too old to serve—and though we may cry, as King Agamemnon to Nestor, on the field:

"Ah, how I wish that thy firm heart,
Were but supported by as firm a knee."

We will listen hopefully for the same reply:

"Yet ancient as I am, I will be seen,
Still mingling with the charioteers, still prompt
To give them counsel."

The toast to which you ask me to speak is at once a boast and a prayer. New-York is, indeed, first in wealth, population, and first in commerce." How, then, "may she always maintain her proud pre-eminence?" In agriculture she must already yield the palm. In manufactures she may be secondary to sister States. Her strength and greatness, present and future, lie in commerce. Commerce is the noblest avocation of humanity. She opens the door to civilization and Christianity, and, as their hand-maiden spreads abroad the arts, the sciences, and the truths of civil and religious liberty. She precedes and creates light, knowledge, liberty, arts, sciences and the just principles that tend toward universal peace and happiness among men. In agriculture she sows and reaps. In manufactures she invents, creates, and inspires. In the arts she develops and rewards genius. In the sciences she promotes discovery, applies results, and commands them. Land she seduces. She reduces mountains, elevates valleys, spans rivers, and binds peoples with roads of steel, and conquers time and space by the power of steam and the art of telegraphy. The sea is her home; and to traverse its depths she becomes lightning, while on its bosom she bears the interchanging harvests and products of nature and industry. The people who command most largely the services of commerce, who foster her interests by just and equal laws, who give largest freedom to her hands and bring her within, and not without the law, will sweep with no harsh grating at the touch of all peaceful approach, is bound in the near future to win and keep the wealth, the population, and the proud pre-eminence which are the boast and prayer of your State. New-York has done much, and yet too little, for internal commerce. She has in herself power to encourage and strengthen that commerce by the self-preserving exercise of the largest generosity toward all her sister States. Her canals must be brought to the very highest standard of self-maintenance and absolute freedom, and her railroads must be taught to know that the right of eminent domain conceded to them by the people is not given to build up overshadowing corporate wealth and power, but to establish highways for the people and their interchanges of goods and products at the cheapest rates consistent with fair compensation. But New-York cannot legislate to control her external commerce. In this regard she is in the hands of a Congress which has been, too often, an unjust stepmother. The laws of Congress have been, and still continue to treat us, as if we were a conquered province with no rights but those they were bound to respect. Even this last session has been disgraced by a series of struggles to modify the functions of the City Government for the simple purpose of putting one set of men out of office and another set of men in, and without any regard to what is the best organization for the government of a million of people. Another cause is the neglect whereby the great channel of traffic which connects the Hudson with the lakes is becoming more and more inefficient for the purposes of its creation, neglect under which unskilful and inadequate provision is made for the economical handling and interchange and transit of the great products of the interior. I warn the commercial and capitalist classes that they cannot hold the unrivaled advantages which our City naturally possesses for profitable enterprise as if they were given of God without conditions which attach to every work of His hand. I warn this community that a people among whom it is a fashionable boast, with those who claim a superiority over their fellows, that they have nothing to do with politics or affairs, that they take no interest in Congress, in administration, in the conduct of judicial tribunals, and the great instrumentalities whereby human government is carried on, cannot long have material prosperity. The parties intrusted to perform the great functions of legislation are, in many cases, persons in whom they would repose no confidence in any matter personal to themselves, where honesty or efficiency was expected, and until a deeper interest in public affairs is manifested, by those who have a large stake in this community, than has hitherto prevailed, nothing but extravagance, dishonesty, and corruption will continue to disgrace their administration. Men cannot long reap the benefits without bearing the burdens of human society. It is liberty, it is a popular government which is the ultimate source of all our success in industry and trade, but popular government requires the watchful, patient, patriotic, self-sacrificing care and guardianship of all citizens, and it is a peculiar duty of those who gain and appropriate to themselves the largest pecuniary result of our free institutions to fulfil these obligations of citizenship, to labor and work, as well as pray and resolve, without which their own wealth will soon turn into ashes in their grasp.

COMMERCE.

Responded to by Mr. A. A. Low.

The fifth toast on the programme was *Commerce:* "All government, indeed every human benefit and enjoyment, every virtue and every prudent act, is founded upon compromise and barter."—*(Edmund Burke.)* It was responded to by Mr. A. A. Low, who spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: The sentiment to which I am expected to respond opens up a boundless field for contemplation; and its proper treatment would demand more time and more of your attention than you would be disposed to allow. In the consideration of such a theme, I must pursue one of two methods: the trite and familiar one, that takes cognizance of things immediately around us; or the other and more comprehensive view, which requires a wider range of thought and a stronger grasp of the intellect. It would be an easy way to illustrate the importance and power of commerce in building up a City like our own, if I should point out, one by one, the various agencies that have been employed, or naturally have co-operated to make New-York what it is; and if the aim were to show the rapidity of its growth, it would matter but little whether a comparison were drawn between our own past and present, or between our own and any other city of this or of other lands. In either case it would be seen that the cause of its growth was to be found in the vast development of its internal and external commerce; and what would be found true in respect to our own City, would be seen to be equally true of every other with which comparison might be made. A similar line of argument might be used to explain the growth of States and kingdoms. Obedience to the law of intercommunication between the different nations and powers of the world—which has its origin in the mutual wants and mutual dependencies of one upon the other—has always led to an increase in wealth and population; and this increase has been in proportion to the opportunity and enterprise, intelligence and sagacity, of nations bordering on the sea. The more comprehensive view to which I have referred, starts out with the fact, that the earliest records of primeval time, and lead us to a careful study of geography and history. In the pursuit of this our attention would be drawn to the division of the earth's surface into continents and islands, oceans and seas, lakes and rivers; and we should have to inquire into the circumstances which under God exercised an influence upon the earlier races of men in seeking a country in which permanently to dwell. If we now know better than it was understood in the beginning where the most productive soil is to be found, what condition of climate and temperature are most favorable to the growth and development of man—to his advancement in knowledge and power—we should discover that commerce had led the way to the solution of the once difficult problem. Livi g as we do in the enjoyment of so many comforts and luxuries drawn from regions near and remote, however difficult of access, let us not forget that, in the earlier stages of human existence, even the necessaries of life were of precarious supply. To the thoughtful mind, the beneficent aim and end of commerce, and the providential dependence of different tribes, peoples, and nations which inhabit our globe, upon each other, are made abundantly clear, when we consider how various are the products that are peculiar to different parts of the earth's surface, and that what varieties of soil, to what degree of heat and cold, these respectively owe their origin. From the pole to the equator, variety characterizes the law of creation, as well in the animal kingdom as in the growth of the soil; while local influences, numerous beyond computation, come in to modify and increase the variations due to latitude and longitude. What is indigenous to one country is denied to another. The teas and silk of China and Japan, and the coffee and spices from the Eastern isles, find their best markets in the distant West; while the gold and silver and precious stones are drawn from the barren sands and deep recesses of the mountains, to swell the common treasury of nations, to deck the diadems of kings, and to crown with added lustre the charms of female beauty. Ocean and air, mountain and plain, are all made tributary to the wants, the uses and the luxury of man; and it is the office of commerce to transport the gifts of nature and the fruits of toil over the wide expanse of waters, and distribute them according to established laws of finance and exchange, with which, of late, our legislators have become so familiar. But it is not in ministering to the ordinary wants or to the highest gratifications of man, that commerce reveals its most beneficent aspect. It is rather in those exceptional periods, when seasons of famine succeed years of plenty, as they sometimes do in the most favored lands, that the law of mutual dependence comes in to teach the brotherhood of nations. We see a type of this in the touching story told in the Old Testament, of Joseph and his brethren. There was famine in the land of Canaan, but in Egypt there was corn. Knowing this, Jacob directed his sons to put money in their sacks and go down to the land of Pharoah and buy food. And it is noteworthy that their money was told by weight. Had it been greenbacks, its return would have occasioned neither surprise nor dismay. The sequel is known to you, with all its incidents so full of pathos! The narrative culminates in the discovery by Joseph, then a ruler in Egypt, of his true relation to the other sons of Jacob, and in the subsequent settlement of the Patriarch and his offspring in the land of Egypt. Similar experiences, with food in dissimilar results, have been observed in all periods of the world's history. Religious persecution led our forefathers to leave the Old World for the New, and this exodus, begun in oppression, has been stimulated by other causes, and continued through successive generations, till at last we behold the fertile plains of the West peopled by immigrants from the old countries of Europe, turning back, through all the channels by which they went out, the gathered harvests of wheat and corn, to gladden the homes of their fathers.' And not infrequently we see the aged patriarch following the fortunes of the younger son, who, at length, has been lifted up from some humble station to be a lawmaker or ruler in the land of his adoption. We look in another direction and the scene is changed. From populous provinces of India and from Asia Minor woful tales are brought us of wide-spread famine. The outstretched arm of England employs all the means commerce can supply (and there are none beside) to rescue thousands and tens of thousands from starvation and death, and thus the suffering people of India, with but a partial knowledge of their benefactors, are made to realise the general truth that all men are brethren! Mr. President: I have now drawn, in faintest outline, but one feature of a great subject. Of what enlarged demonstration it is susceptible I need not tell you. The same law that governs in the distribution of material things is manifest in the broad domain of science, of art, and of letters. In the order of Providence, the gifts of genius and the wisdom of the sage have not been confined to one country, or to any age; but along the whole pathway of human progress, God has raised up noble men, "like stars in the firmament," to shed light upon the highest interests of the race. Were it in my power, there would not be time to recite the names of those who have enriched the pages of history with the results of their labor in all the departments of human knowledge, libraries and museums, in which the hand of opulence has gathered up the contributions of all ages and of all peoples, testify to the industry, to the learning, and to the patience of the scientist, the scholar, and the artist; and to what extent commerce has made the works of all the common property of the civilized world. The galleries of Venice and Rome bear ample witness to the proficiency of the "old masters" in painting and sculpture many centuries ago; and if these are as accessible to the student of our own country as to the scholars of Italy, it is because of the improvement in navigation, which has kept pace with every other advance in the culture and progress of man. I cannot pursue any further a course of reflection which is scarcely needed in such an audience as this. Nor will I dwell upon a branch of the general subject to which it would be natural to speak, had not our newspapers and magazines been so exclusively occupied with its consideration for these many months. I refer to the subject of finance. The discussion of this question has derived a new interest from the recent action of Congress, and a general apprehension that all faith in our national legislators, as a body, would be lost; and, consequently, that the trust hitherto subsisting between man and man would be greatly weakened. It is this cardinal virtue which imparts vigor to the prosecution of every great enterprise, and crowns the grandest undertakings with the most brilliant success. Who has not been impressed with the grandeur of modern enterprise, which has spanned continents with lines of railway, and girded the earth with the electric wire, permitting neither land nor water, however lofty or deep, to arrest the work that makes of one great family all the nations of the earth! In contemplating some of the great achievements of modern times, I have been led to think, that if there is a faith that "moves mountains," commerce affords the happiest illustration of it. I do not mean that the Alps or the Andes can be moved from their bases to a level with the plain, or tumbled into the sea by any power less than God's. The preacher challenged his hearers to try this on old Monadnock, but his foundation rests upon solid foundations, somewhere among the hills of New-Hampshire. But that in our own day the loftiest mountains are made to shake from base to summit, and pierced through and through, for the ongoing of the locomotive and its train, is patent to all observers; and it is partly from the brilliance which science affords, and partly to that faith which the Governor, the Legislature, and the merchants of our noble State have always upheld—faith in the bond—faith in the note—faith in the promise that is stamped upon the note—faith in the pledge that lies back of all, for when this faith is lost, the fires of the furnace and forge go out; the uplifted arm falls nerveless by the artisan's side; the revolving wheels of commerce are stopped, and the best-laid plans are paralyzed. If there be any in high places who are recreant to their sense of duty in this regard, the national pledge they may continue to occupy seats in the halls of Congress, but they will cease to receive the homage that is paid to truth and virtue; and when they pass from the sight of their fellow-men they will sink into their graves unhonored and undeserving of honor!

THE PRECIOUS METALS.

Responded to by Hon. W. M. Evarts.

The next toast, "The Precious Metals—Universal standards of value, without which commerce becomes gambling, and credit a snare to the unwary," was responded to by Hon. W. M. Evarts. He spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: I congratulate you and this distinguished association upon the great reasons you have for pride and satisfaction in the public measures in which the State, the City, and the country are so largely interested which have been made successful according to the policy and the purpose and the action of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of New-York. [Applause.] I remember, a year ago, when we were at the commencement of this fight against bad government over commerce, and were receiving blows, and had concluded that it became us to give some in return, venturing to say in your name and that of your fellow-citizens that good government was the birthright of the American people, and please God good government we are determined to have. [Applause.] In relation to the great subject of finance, I think this association may well congratulate itself to having led what was thought to be a forlorn hope against the settled purpose of large sections of men in this country, and led it to triumph. Seldom does it happen to one man to be able to do in a simple act so great a good for the present time and for long future as Gen. Grant has done in arresting the mischief of inflation. [Cheers.] And I can borrow from no source words of courage and strength so well as from himself that he would fight it out on that line if it would take him all Summer, and it did take all Summer of his Administration. [Cheers.] Now, no doubt there are some gentlemen here who are old enough to remember the precious metal as a circulating medium. [Laughter.] Seriously, gentlemen, there has been a very dangerous state of feeling and a very powerful struggle of opinion in this country in regard to this matter of specie payments. I have never thought it possible, that in the long run, the arguments in favor of unperformed promises could be popular with the hard-handed and honest American people. We don't like that argument which would make out that if we will only complete a circle of our own trade, commerce, productions, manufactures, and industry, we can afford to have a money of account, and factory to ourselves, and to explain the growth of States and kingdoms. Obedience to the law of intercommunication between the different nations and powers of the world—which has its origin in the mutual wants and mutual dependencies of one upon the other—has always led to an increase in wealth and population; and this increase has been in proportion to the opportunity and enterprise, intelligence and sagacity, of nations bordering on the sea. 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The teas and silk of China and Japan, and the coffee and spices from the Eastern isles, find their best markets in the distant West; while the gold and silver and precious stones are drawn from the barren sands and deep recesses of the mountains, to swell the common treasury of nations, to deck the diadems of kings, and to crown with added lustre the charms of female beauty. Ocean and air, mountain and plain, are all made tributary to the wants, the uses and the luxury of man; and it is the office of commerce to transport the gifts of nature and the fruits of toil over the wide expanse of waters, and distribute them according to established laws of finance and exchange, with which, of late, our legislators have become so familiar. But it is not in ministering to the ordinary wants or to the highest gratifications of man, that commerce reveals its most beneficent aspect. It is rather in those exceptional periods, when seasons of famine succeed years of plenty, as they sometimes do in the most favored lands, that the law of mutual dependence comes in to teach the brotherhood of nations. We see a type of this in the touching story told in the Old Testament, of Joseph and his brethren. There was famine in the land of Canaan, but in Egypt there was corn. Knowing this, Jacob directed his sons to put money in their sacks and go down to the land of Pharoah and buy food. And it is noteworthy that their money was told by weight. Had it been greenbacks, its return would have occasioned neither surprise nor dismay. The sequel is known to you, with all its incidents so full of pathos! The narrative culminates in the discovery by Joseph, then a ruler in Egypt, of his true relation to the other sons of Jacob, and in the subsequent settlement of the Patriarch and his offspring in the land of Egypt. Similar experiences, with food in dissimilar results, have been observed in all periods of the world's history. Religious persecution led our forefathers to leave the Old World for the New, and this exodus, begun in oppression, has been stimulated by other causes, and continued through successive generations, till at last we behold the fertile plains of the West peopled by immigrants from the old countries of Europe, turning back, through all the channels by which they went onward that it will not be long before we shall have brought back good government and recover our ancient birthright. [Cheers.]

ARBITRATION.

Responded to by Mr. Elliott F. Shepard.

The next regular toast was "Arbitration; possible and beneficial equally among nations and individuals. Commerce demands it, and will secure it." Mr. Elliott F. Shepard, the author of the Arbitration act, recently passed by the Legislature, in responding, said: Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Chamber of Commerce: As long as it is human to disagree, the methods of settling disputes will be of absorbing interest. The sword, diplomacy, the courts, and arbitration, are the recognized instruments and channels of peace. The sword secures the peace of death; diplomacy often embroils as much as it pacifies; the courts, though crowned with abundant laurels, are inadequate to every emergency; and arbitration, the youngest sister of the band, is now sought with increasing hope in her magic power of justice and reconciliation. The pugnacious spirit which, during the days of Chatham and Pitt, led English pedestrians in the narrow streets of their cities on rainy days to carry their umbrellas rigidly perpendicular, gave rise to many a torn watershed and many a fisticuff. The spirit of the nation was a reflex of the individual spirit, and the country was then engaged in both colonial and foreign wars. But it is now observed that umbrellas take the left oblique, and pass with whole silk on their ribs, and smiles of accommodation on the faces of their owners underneath. Is it surprising, then, that England is to-day at peace, and that she has recently avoided a war with America by preferring the arbitrament of impartial minds at Geneva to that of bloody swords on two continents and the oceans between? In the presence of the distinguished counsel who so ably joined in representing our country as that tribunal, it is indeed proper to declare that arbitration is both possible and beneficial to nations. The recent Legislature has established a facility for settling individual disputes in mercantile and commercial matters in this port which has long been desired, and is at length happily attained; and the Governor, by appointing an able, experienced, and upright Judge as arbitrator, has conferred a lasting benefit upon the commercial world. Before him, parol contracts may be enforced; a contract may be construed even prior to its execution; neither party will be punished in costs; and, if necessary, to enable justice to be done, additional testimony to that put in by the parties may be taken. These things indicate a jurisdiction in which lawyers are strangers. The appointment of the arbitrator is for life; parties coming before him may either proceed before him as sole arbitrator, or may each choose a person to sit with him, in which case the majority will control. The award is a speedy and final settlement of the dispute, not subject to be set aside by the courts. In contracts it is frequently provided that, in case of disagreement between the parties, the matter shall be settled by persons selected, one by each party, and, in case of their disagreement, they may choose a third to act as umpire. Hereafter such contracts may, in an easier and better way, refer the settlement to the Arbitrator of the Chamber of Commerce, when the parties can each choose a person to sit with him, to decide the matter, if they wish. And I would suggest to my professional brethren that they bear this law in mind when drawing such contracts. The consent of the parties is requisite to put this tribunal in operation in any case, thus preserving all the features of voluntary arbitration, and fostering in the individual the spirit of amicable adjustment of difficulties. The more this individual spirit grows in the world, the more will nations incline to arbitration. You have said in your toast, Mr. President, that commerce demands, and will secure, arbitration. Sir, it is the good fortune of the administration of the Chamber of Commerce, to have inaugurated this blessing in a practical form, a blessing which will make your administration more glorious than any preceding one. But for the efforts of the commercial men of this Metropolis, the Arbitration act would not now be in existence. So that, by the action already taken by this Chamber, it has proved the truth of your toast. White-winged ships are harbingers of peace the world over; the cutting prows of steam-compelled vessels make way for treaties; the dashing locomotives summon us to break away from the inert past, and move forward to improvement; and the ubiquitous telegraph, electrifying with mental force all the operations of commerce, urges mankind, with never-ceasing voice, onward to new triumphs. These are all commercial agents and powers. These have made arbitration possible, and beneficial equally among nations and individuals.

"THE VETO."

Responded to by Prof. Hitchcock.

The President next gave "The Veto"—"Peace hath her victories, no less renowned than War." Prof. Hitchcock in speaking to the toast said:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: I suppose I understand the technicalities of finance about as well as most of you understand the technicalities of theology. This unprofessional knowledge may not amount to much, and yet be quite enough for all practical purposes. When common sense is outraged by theologians, if it ever is, you know it. And when common honesty is outraged by financiers, if it ever is, I think I know it. Certainly it is not immoral to be in debt. We blame no man for mortgaging a part of his property to save the rest. And in the case of a nation we say no matter how much it costs to save it. But there is a debt we dislike to pay. This is the very meaning of the word. What I owe I am bound to pay. What the nation owes it is bound to pay. And payment is something very different from mere promise to pay, though you keep on renewing the promise to the end of time. There are laws of trade just as inexorable as the laws of nature. Two and two are not five. Three times three are not ten. If we spend all that we earn, there is nothing left. If we spend more than we earn, we run into debt. When my expenses have equaled or exceeded my income, I must of course either spend less or earn more, or, what is still better, do both. Borrowed money keep us from day to day, but not forever. Borrowed money with which to pay borrowed money lands us by and by in a place not very much like paradise. The bill recently passed by Congress, it is said by some of its friends, would not have inflated the currency. Of this I am no judge. But everybody knows that it meant inflation. And the moral sense of the nation struck it like lightning. President Grant is Gen. Grant once more. He never asked of him any personal favor, and never expect to. But I do not like short memories. The capture of Vicksburg and the surrender at Appomattox Court-house are not events of antediluvian history. If we were a little more conscious of our heroes, it might be better for us in the long run. The President's veto has been called a brave act. But doing right is not half so brave a thing as some men seem to think it. I must do the President the justice to believe that he found it very easy. He is evidently an honest man. And I think he is sufficiently sagacious to see what some people appear to have forgotten, that in the long run honesty is the best policy. And he is the honest President of an honest people. We may be called spendthrifts, but let no man call us thieves. One word more let me say, Mr. President, and I will take my seat. If anybody imagines this veto to be a good point of departure for a new party of repudiation, I hope he will be quick about it. He cannot be too quick. He will find out what the last three commandments of the Decalogue are, and that there is good blood enough in the nation to stand by the Decalogue some time longer.

THE ARMY.

Responded to by Gen. Porter.

The Chairman then gave the toast of "The Army," and called on Gen. Horace Porter, formerly Private Secretary to President Grant, to respond. Gen. Porter, in a very humorous speech, replied to the toast, and gave many amusing anecdotes of his army experience. He had lived long enough in Washington to know what extempore speaking was. His experience of the greatest extempore speakers was that they lay awake all night in order to study what they would rashly utter the next day. Gen. Porter kept the audience in a continuous roar of laughter.

THE NAVY.

Responded to by Gen. Porter.

The Chairman then gave the next toast, "The Navy," and called on Rear Admiral S. C. Rowan to respond. It was then discovered that the Admiral had left, and the guests called on Gen. Porter to respond. The General spoke to the toast on behalf of his "web-footed friends, the marines," and regretted the absence of the old salts.

THE PRESS.

Responded to by Hon. Erastus Brooks.

The next regular toast, "The Press," was responded to by Hon. Erastus Brooks. He said:

Before I say anything for the profession complimented by your toast, allow me to congratulate the Chamber of Commerce upon its recent victories, both at the Federal and State capitals; at the latter by the law made for a new Court of Arbitration, asked for by the Chamber of Commerce, and adopted substantially as it came from your board. Such a court has long been one of the wishes of my heart, and a court of conciliation, founded upon equity and justice, rather than upon the technicalities of courts of law, was urged by me in the Constitutional Convention of 1867-68. From such a court, presided over by Judge Fancher, where there will be neither the law's delay nor the insolence of office, a court without material costs to clients, where parties in interest may appear in person or by counsel, where contracts may be continued in advance of their completion, and disputes avoided by reference, and all with a prompt and peaceful solution of controverted questions—I am sure nothing but good can come. All honor to the body which inspired the law, and success to those who are to administer it in the name of justice and fair play. Congratulations are also due to the Chamber of Commerce for the public victories in Washington, in forcing an exposure of the most iniquitous law and practice ever witnessed in a civilized Government—a law and practice that permitted, in violation of the Constitution of the United States, the seizure, holding, and private use of the most sacred of all property—property forced from its owners to the damage of lawful business, and by the boldest and most unlicensed robbery ever seen in a free Government. And then of the expended currency of the country I cannot but think that the formal, earnest, united, and representative voice of the Chamber of Commerce contributed largely to secure the veto of an act of Congress, which I hesitate not to declare was the most dangerous measure of the kind passed since the foundation of the Government. With such an act the law of the land, one could easily comprehend the American Revolution, when the brave men who fought the battles of the country were paid in a currency which served no better purpose than to cover the wounds they had received, and therefore rightly christened as "the shinplasters" of the country. So, and not long after, in Paris, in 1792, came the assignats, or greenbacks of the French Revolution, as stated by Victor Hugo. I am glad to know that the press of New-York, of New-England, of the Middle States, and the best of the journals of the West, have fought this monster with ungloved hands. The press, indeed, could do no less. It is the oldest of our American institutions—as old, at least, as the oldest of our schools, churches, and professions, older than the Constitution of the United States, older than the Declaration of Independence or the Colonies, older by more than a score and a half of years than the birth of Washington, the father of his country, or of Franklin, the great printer, editor, philosopher, and statesman of the past century—154 years old in Philadelphia, 170 years old in Boston, and a little less in its daily form, I believe, than eighty years in this State and City. Nearly half of this period I have known it in this City, though it was before my birth that Fulton launched the Clermont upon the East River to make the then wonderful voyage of twenty-four hours to the capital of the State. In all this time the newspaper has been the historian of all Governments and peoples, of all science and art. It has seen the City expand from the few hundred between the Battery and Trinity to the million and more on the island, and the million and a half in sight of the place where we meet. It has seen the country grow from three millions to forty—from thirteen Colonies to thirty-seven States and ten Territories; from its original limited territory bounded by the Mississippi to cross the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, adding all of Louisiana by purchase from France, all of Florida by purchase from Spain, all of Texas by annexation, all of Upper California by conquest, and all of Alaska by purchase from Russia, until to-day the land covers over 3,110,000 square miles of territory, and 2,600 miles of United States land from the Atlantic to the Pacific, 1,300 from Maine to Florida, and an ocean coast of over 12,000 miles. There are a few living men who have seen all this growth of empire, and there are octogenarians of the press who can say

"Quorum magna pars fui."

OUR WIVES AND SWEETHEARTS.

Responded to by Mr. Isaac H. Bailey.

The Chairman then gave the next toast, "Our Wives and Sweethearts.

"God tried his prentice hand on man,
And then he made the lasses, O!"

and called on Mr. Isaac H. Bailey to respond. Mr. Bailey, while deprecating this sudden demand, complied with the call of the Chairman, and in a few humorous and appropriate observations spoke to the toast.

The Chairman then stated that other toasts and addresses were to have been given but time did not permit. The company then separated.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DISTINGUISHED MEN.

Among the letters received by Mr. George Wilson, the Secretary of the Chamber, regretting their inability to be present, were the following:

LETTER FROM GOV. JOHN A. DIX.

STATE OF NEW-YORK, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
ALBANY, May 2, 1874.

MY DEAR SIR: I find it impossible for me to leave on Thursday and be present at the banquet to be given by the Chamber of Commerce. It is with great regret that I relinquish the pleasure I should have had in meeting the members of an associat on which has done so much for the vindication of sound principles in commerce and finance. I am, dear Sir, truly yours,

JOHN A. DIX.

(Signed.)
GEORGE WILSON, Esq., Secretary.

LETTER FROM HON. EDWARD YOUNG, OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF STATISTICS,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4, 1874.

DEAR MR. WILSON: I have delayed day after day sending my regrets that I shall be unable to attend your banquet, to which I am so kindly invited, in the hope that I might be able to go; and for this reason, among others, I have been greatly impressed of late in reviewing our commerce since 1820, with the falling off of our carrying trade—which, in 1821, was 113 in American vessels to 143 in foreign, and continued so until the fiscal year 1861, when we were three hundred and eighty-one and a half million dollars' worth in American to two hundred and three in foreign. In 1863, 241 American to 465 in foreign. In 1864, 184 American to 466 in foreign, and so on to 1873, when there were 64 American to 968 in foreign. I have just ordered a diagram made showing the fluctuations and complete reversal of former condition of trade, intending to have it completed if possible, and send it you to be put up in your "banquet hall," and afterward removed to your Chamber." I would like to go for the purpose of pointing to it, but as this disappointment will probably be frequently in silence (I am no Justinian either) there is no need for me to go. I will send it if possible by mail Wednesday night. Will not have time to get it framed.

Very truly yours,
(Signed,)
E. YOUNG,
Chief Bureau of Statistics.

GEORGE WILSON, Esq., Secretary, &c., &c.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHAMBER.

The one hundred and sixth annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday at No. 63 William street, Mr. Wm. E. Dodge, President, in the chair. The minutes of the last monthly meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. A. A. Low, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported the following candidates for membership, who were duly elected: Charles L. Hallgarten, John C. Phillips, Horace Porter, Wm. D. Sloane, Charles Watrous. The committee also recommended the appointment of the following gentlemen as delegates to attend the one thousandth celebration of the settlement of Iceland, which takes place on Aug. 1, the understanding being that at least one of them would attend: Cyrus W. Field, Samuel B. Ruggles, and Leopold Bierworth. The recommendation was adopted. Mr. Ruggles observed that as he was hardly able to walk to Union square, it was unlikely that he would go to Iceland.

Mr. Ruggles brought forward the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of New-York, with feelings of devout gratitude to Almighty God, extend their hearty congratulations to their fellow-citizens throughout the State and the United States on the recent and signal defeat of the proposed "amendment" to the State Constitution, which, if adopted, would have paralyzed and prevented the enlargement and improvement of the great water-ways of the State so urgently needed for preserving the vast and continually growing commerce of the State. In this great deliverance the Chamber gladly recognizes the active and efficient co-operation of its fellow-laborers, the Produce Exchange of the City of New-York, and especially the well-timed and vigorous message of Hon. Mr. Havemeyer, Mayor of the City, denouncing the measure as injurious in the highest degree to the lasting interests of the State and the Union.

Resolved, That while all the members of the Chamber share alike in the common anxiety to defeat a proposition so unwise and unjust to the whole State, a large deems it due to justice and to history to express its thanks to the Special Committee of their body, consisting of Hon. Geo. Opdyke, First Vice-President of the Chamber, Hon. Samuel B. Ruggles, Hon. Abram S. Hewitt, Charles Butler, Samuel D. Babcock, Daniel C. Robbins, Geo. W. Lane, Elliott F. Shepard, Gustav Schwab, Wm. H. Fogg, Jonathan Sturges, James M. Constable, David Dows, Wm. M. Pless.

The President then re umed his place and returned thanks to the Chamber for his re-election, but intimated that at some future time he deemed he might be entitled to resign his position.

Several letters were then read, including one from Mrs. Julia S. Hastings, sister of Senator Sumner, acknowledging and expressing her thanks for the resolution adopted by the Chamber on the occasion of her brother's death. The Chamber then adjourned.

BIRDS IN THEIR LITTLE NESTS AGREE.

From the Sun, May 7.

General excitement was caused last evening by the report that Senator Fox and John Morrissey had agreed to settle their differences by fighting a duel. Rumor fixed the place of meeting at Saratoga in a clump of trees behind the Indian encampment. Mr. Morrissey was to have for second the valiant Arkansan and Ex-Confederate Colonel Fellows, while Fox would be sustained by Nick Muller, so rumor said.

At dark a *Sun* reporter crossed the threshold of Fox's domicile on Morris street. The Senator was absent at Albany, it is said. A male relative denied very positively that there was any truth in the report about the intended duel. Senator Fox had gone to Albany to settle his bills and other affairs there, and would be back that evening.

The reporter sought the home of John Morrissey. Mr. Morrissey told the story of his difficulty with the Senator. "I went into the Maison Dorée with Charley Walsh," he said, "and saw Shook and Fox in conversation. Fox said to me, 'You gave me the cold shoulder to-day on Broadway.' I asked him what he meant. Fox answered, 'You gave me two fingers.' I said, 'I did not mean anything by it, and if you take it in that way I am sorry.' Then Fox said I had gone back on him politically, but would do well enough for a prize-fighter. I told Fox that he was a thief; that we had elected him Senator and sent two men to Albany to watch him to keep him from stealing. Fox said his record was good in Albany. I replied, 'Yes, and so was Dick Turpin's in England.' I then told Fox that he got elected through the circumstance of his having killed a man, which created sympathy for him, and through that sympathy he was elected. From working for $2 a day he had become a millionaire. Fox got excited and put his fist up to me, and I put mine up to him and told him to take his hand down. Fox said, 'You are not going to hurt me, are you?' I answered, 'No.' Fox then said, 'You dare not hurt me ——.' Then I hit him on the cheek-bone, and my hand slipped, grazing his forehead. I bucked him, and he hollered. 'Don't, John.' As he made no further demonstration I desisted on the interference of friends."

Mr. Morrissey denied any intention to fight a duel. The reporter ascertained that the rumor had its origin in a remark made by a friend of Fox's at the Fifth Avenue Hotel that Fox had a pistol to shoot Morrissey. The parties have been quietly bottled since the fight. Fox returned on the evening train from Albany.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

The trial of Henry F. Downs, formerly cashier for H. E. Pickert & Co., No. 28 Old slip, charged with embezzling $104 50, the property of his employers, was resumed before Judge Sutherland yesterday in the Court of General Sessions. Counsel for the defense moved for the discharge of the prisoner on the ground that the sum alleged to have been embezzled by Downs had been settled for by the prisoner's father before the criminal prosecution had been instituted. The motion was denied. The prisoner, in his own defense, testified that he had been instructed by Pickert to carry the moneys of the firm, which was bankrupt, on his person, and had lost the sum alleged to have been embezzled. Henry E. Turner, of Walden, Mass., Rev. Wm. S. Galloway and William Ferdon, of New-Jersey, and John H. Walsh, a jeweler, testified to the prisoner's good character. Henry Powell, editor of the *American Grocer*, John Babcock, merchant, No. 45 Park place, and Joseph B. Frothingham swore that Pickert's character for truth was bad, and that they would not believe him under oath. The witnesses for the defense were subjected to a rigorous cross-examination by District Attorney Rollins. After deliberating for several hours the jury could not agree to a verdict, and were discharged. The prisoner was then released on furnishing $2,000 bail.....Edward Berry pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, and was sent to State Prison for two years and six months.....Thos. Jones, Charles Riley, and John Fisher, charged with

ENGLISH AFFAIRS.

A PHANTOM NAVY—CENSURE FOR GLADSTONE—THE LATE DISSOLUTION.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, April 25, 1874.

This week the Cabinet has been engaged in sitting on one of its members. He is a very large member, and very soft, and there was room for everybody, and no bones felt. The Minister in question is Mr. Ward Hunt, the First Lord of the Admiralty, who is as fat as Arthur Orton, and who is supposed to be "the great Holbes—contemplative, corpulent, witty"—of a well-known satirical poem, in which the same character is also represented as overbold, taking a header into the water, and coming down "prone, as a quadruped prone, with hands and feet protending." Mr. Hunt has certainly tripped and fallen, but he will probably have no difficulty in picking himself up again. It was part of the policy of the late Government to keep up a cry of economy, and to pare down the expenses of the public departments as far as possible. There was plenty of room for paring; but there can be little doubt that the Ministers in their zeal for savings cut to the quick. It might be possible for England to dispense with a regular army and navy, and to trust to Providence for defense; but it is obvious that an army and a navy are expensive things, which are becoming increasingly expensive, and that nothing could be more fatal for England than to waste money on mere paper forces. The army is, for its numbers, a fairly respectable body, though too boyish as regards the ranks. The navy appears to be in a condition of more doubtful efficiency. The First Lord of the Admiralty in introducing the navy estimates, which he found ready for him when he came into office, was rash enough to expose the weakness of the fleet. On paper there are fifty-five iron-clads, of which forty-one are sea-going, and fourteen adapted for harbor and coast defense. Of the forty-one sea-going iron-clads five must be deducted as still on the stocks, and nine others as either obsolete or not worth repairing for sea-going purposes. This reduces the list to twenty-seven, and of these only fourteen can be regarded as really effective for service at the present moment, though four more, or eighteen in all, will perhaps be ready in the course of the year. Moreover, some of the ships now undergoing repair cannot be counted upon as good for more than a year. Then of the fourteen iron-clads for harbor defense one is building, and there are only eight fit for service. Of these eight the Devastation is one. The First Lord frankly confessed that he is afraid to send the Devastation to sea, though full of admiration for her in the abstract as a "most extraordinary piece of mechanism." This opinion has been controverted by Mr. Reed, the naval architect, who contends that the great ship would be quite safe at sea if the *cul de sac* on deck were removed. The moral of Mr. Hunt's speech seemed to be that for ten millions sterling a year it was hopeless to expect more than a nominal navy, composed of ships which looked well on paper, but which were, most of them, mere dummies in reality. This created much alarm, and it was even rumored that the Government meant to recast the budget in order to provide a margin for supplementary estimates. These apprehensions were dispelled on Thursday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who stated that Mr. Hunt had been quite misunderstood, and that another hundred thousand pounds would probably be the whole additions to the expenditures on the navy. It is quite clear, therefore, that if Mr. Hunt was correct in his description of the phantom fleet, it is to remain a ghost for some time longer. The truth is that the Government was afraid of getting a reputation for extravagance, and so Mr. Hunt was sat upon.

MR. GLADSTONE IN OPPOSITION.

There was a report that Mr. Gladstone was coming down to the House of Commons on Thursday evening to smash up Sir Stafford Northcote's budget, although it was, in a great measure, only his own budget with another name attached to it. The House was, therefore, densely packed to witness the encounter. At the proper moment Mr. Gladstone rose, and his first words were as milk and honey. Still, this might be only to give greater effect to the gall that was to come, and so the audience remained hopeful. It turned out, however, to be all honey and no gall. Mr. Gladstone had come to bless and not to curse. He declined to say what his own plans had been, and as he is the only person who knows, if even he knows, the plans will remain a profound secret. He was, however, so complimentary to his old pupil, Sir Stafford, or to his proposals, that it may be conjectured they somewhat resembled his own ideas.

MR. SMOLLETT'S MOTION.

Last night the House of Commons was again crowded in expectation of a scene, nor was the expectation disappointed. Mr. Patrick B. Smollett had undertaken to move a vote of censure on the late Prime Minister for having dissolved Parliament in an abrupt, sudden, and unconstitutional manner. Mr. Smollett is a great-grand-nephew of "the celebrated historian and novelist," as he rather pompously calls his great-grand-uncle, who, however, would probably desire to be remembered rather as the author of *Roderick Random* than as the publisher's hack who wrote the continuation of Hume's *History of England*. Mr. Smollett has a good deal of the racy family humor. He was in Parliament some years ago, and distinguished himself by his rather eccentric and violent quips and drolleries. He was for many years one of the political agents in the Madras Presidency, and his peculiar humor is emphasized by that testy passion which usually accompanies the disordered liver of a confirmed Anglo-Indian, and what irresistibly suggests fiery pickles and brandy pawnee. If the vote of censure had been intended seriously it could not possibly have been intrusted to worse hands than Mr. Smollett's. He was certain to be wayward and extravagant; and he is rather attached to the Conservative Party as a barnacle is to a ship than an actual member of the party. In any case, the motion was one which ran counter to the ordinary temper and instincts of Englishmen. They never like to go back on things or to cry over spilt milk.

THE RECENT DISSOLUTION.

The manner in which the dissolution was brought about has been universally condemned by all parties in the country. There was nothing illegal about it, but it was clearly a violation of the plain common-sense rules of straightforward dealing, and the members of Mr. Gladstone's own had been privately in the habit of denouncing it much more bitterly than the party which profited by his unscrupulous blundering. It is now known as a historical fact that Mr. Gladstone alone is responsible for the dissolution. He had a secret consultation with one or two of his most intimate personal friends in the Cabinet; he wrote out his long address to his constituents, and went down with it in his pocket to the Cabinet council, and intimated to his colleagues his predetermined decision as something which did not admit of discussion. The only alternative to accepting a dissolution was immediate resignation. In vain the more cautious and moderate Ministers pleaded for time to reflect, and pointed out not only the danger but the irregularity of the course he proposed to pursue. Discussion could not, as Mr. Gladstone desired, be absolutely silenced: the Cabinet sat late and the talk was hot and vehement, but in the end the Premier carried his point by the menace of immediately breaking up the Ministry. A Captain who threatens to fire the powder magazine is ill to argue with. The dissolution was an act of personal autocracy, disapproved by the majority of the Cabinet, and was concerted as a tactical surprise. It was thought that a sudden election, coupled with a tempting programme of financial relief, would paralyze the Conservatives, and not a few competent judges, when the game was disclosed, thought the same. Happily the poison was an overdose, and operated as an emetic. Mr. Gladstone's policy was not illegal, but it was tricky and deceitful. Mr. Smollett's endeavor to show that the jugglery of the dissolution was opposed to the spirit of the Constitution, was beside the mark, for the simple reason that the spirit of the Constitution is quite intangible. Short of this point, Mr. Smollett's argument was conclusive. Nobody could deny, and almost everybody, Liberals as well as Conservatives, had already said, almost in Mr. Smollett's words, that there had been "sharp practice, more likely to come from an attorney's office than from a Cabinet of English gentlemen."

PARLIAMENT'S ATTITUDE.

This was an old story now, however—nearly three months old, which is a great deal nowadays—and, as those who had much reason in the first instance to complain had in fact profited by the way in which they had been assailed, there was a general indisposition to reopen the question. For a moment or two it was doubtful whether the motion would find a seconder, and when Mr. Whalley at last seconded it, its fate was sealed in shouts of laughter. Mr. Gladstone, under these circumstances, might have reasonably been content with a brief and dignified defense of his conduct from his own point of view. Mr. Smollett and Mr. Whalley were poor foes to tumble about with in the sawdust. But the Ex-Premier's rage was in full blast, and quite beyond control. The sting of the attack lay not in what had been said, but in what had not been said. If nobody would support the motion, it was equally clear that there was no one ready to take up the cudgels on the other side. Nothing could be plainer than that the House assented substantially to the condemnation of a trick of political legerdemain, though it was thought to be inexpedient to pass a formal vote. This was too much for Mr. Gladstone, and he sprang into the arena to strike a blow for himself. He was pleading with the House, and especially with his own party, quite as much as answering Mr. Smollett; but his temper blinded him, and the conflict degenerated into a scuffle on the floor. He chaffed the mover and seconder as "two most distinguished gentlemen," quibbled about Smollett's language, called his history romance, and wasted time in mere word-catching and verbal criticism. He lashed himself into fury over some of Smollett's coarser epithets, but without moving the sense of the House. His only excuse was that he thought the dissolution would have turned out differently. This was really only a plea that his policy was not quite so stupid as had been supposed; no amount of argument could prove it honorable, or even honest. As soon as he had done, Mr. Gladstone walked out solemnly, like the ghost in "Hamlet," but there was no one to cry "God bless him," or to say a syllable in his defense. Mr. Whalley created great merriment by explaining that he regarded the dissolution as a personal attack on himself. He had suffered, he said, more by it than anybody. Some members had lost their seats in the House, but his was the greatest inconvenience of all. He was turned out, not of the House, but out of jail. The dissolution liberated him from prison. It will be remembered that he was imprisoned for contempt of court in regard to the Tichborne case; and his grievance was that by the dissolution he became for a time only a private individual, and there was no House of Commons to take up his case as one of its members. If Parliament had not been dissolved, he, humble and insignificant as he was, would have been the means of bringing before the House an exercise of authority by the Judges of the land, unprecedented, monstrous, most injurious, which would sap the foundations of confidence in the administration of justice. And so the affair died out amid shrieks of laughter. For poor Mr. Gladstone, with his high-priest theories of his own functions, and of the duty of mankind to worship him as the direct representative of heaven, no pillory could be more agonizing. An expression which fell from him on Thursday, and which was deliberately repeated last night, deserves attention. He said he recognized in his downfall the verdict of the constituencies, but not of the nation. This is, of course, a declaration in favor either of universal suffrage, or rather of the right of the dictator—as claimed by Louis Napoleon and other saviors of society—to interpret for himself the will of the nation, and to act accordingly. by *coup d'état* or otherwise. J. H. F.

DECISION IN THE SCOTT WILL CASE.

Surrogate Hutchings yesterday rendered his decision in the well-known Scott will case. The decision, which is a long and very elaborate review of both the law and the evidence, is substantially as follows: The testator, James Scott, died in July, 1870, leaving a will which gave a legacy of $1,000 to Mrs. Honeywell, and the remainder of his property, share and share alike, to his wife Julia A. Scott and to his mother Margaret. The will was admitted to probate in September of the same year. Proceedings for the revocation of the probate were instituted by one William Scott, who claimed to be the son of the testator. The executors denied the allegation, and maintained that he had no right to institute these proceedings. In the contest which followed it was claimed by the petitioner, William Scott, that his mother, Caroline, had been married to the testator in June, 1831, by Rev. Dr. McLean, of Bleecker Street Presbyterian Church. The marriage certificate, said to have been given on the occasion, was not produced on the trial, nor was its nonproduction satisfactorily explained. So that substantially the case of the petitioner rested on his being the son of the testator, on proof of the long cohabitation of his mother, Caroline, and the testator, and on the declarations of the testator on the subject. The decision holds that mere cohabitation does not constitute a marriage unless there be a mutual contract to that effect. The law requires other acts and accompanying circumstances in addition to cohabitation to constitute marriage. These circumstances were not shown in this case. In addition it was shown that the woman, Caroline, married a man named Mead in 1850, and afterward lived with him as his wife, and that the testator married his wife Julia after his separation from Caroline, and that although Caroline knew the fact she did not claim to be his wife. In conclusion the Surrogate says: "The court will not rivet the bonds of marriage, as a contract, on the man who has simply made a temporary and meretricious relation with a woman which is satisfied to live in that manner, and who does not complain by legal process or otherwise when the relation is severed." He therefore decides that the petitioner has no standing in court not being next to kin of James Scott, the testator.

ESSEX COUNTY, N. J., FREEHOLDERS.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of Essex County held their final meeting yesterday morning, at which the reports of the various county officers were submitted. The Warden of the jail reported that there had been 2,534 prisoners in that institution during the year, of whom 315 were females. The expense of maintaining the institution was $17,063 86. The new Penitentiary now in course of erection will soon be completed. The amount expended on it thus far is $219,288 93. The receipts of the Road Board during the year were $328,811 98, and expenditures $311,987 30, leaving a balance on hand of $7,301 63. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund reported the cancelment of war bonds to the amount of $90,000, leaving a balance outstanding of $1,828,900. The Commissioners also reported the total amount of Essex Road improvement bonds outstanding at $1,235,100, and a cash balance in bank of $64,444 54. The total amount of county bonds outstanding is $3,099,000, against which there is $120,544 99, making the actual indebtedness of the county $2,978,455 06. The Committee on Public Buildings reported an expenditure of $3,937 48 during the year. County Collector Pierson reported amount in hand at date of last report, $263,037 57, received from taxes and other sources, $3,110,937 83; disbursements, $1,764,497 08, leaving a balance on hand of $351,740 75. There were eighty-one lunatics in the Asylum during the year, and the expenses of the institution were $30,441 49.

THE NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER.

APPOINTMENT OF ABRAHAM DISBECKER BY MAYOR HAVEMEYER.

Early yesterday morning it was rumored in the City Hall that Mayor Havemeyer had appointed Abraham Disbecker, the Supervisor of the *City Record*, to the office of Police Commissioner. Very few persons were in possession of the secret, but as the news spread it was generally disbelieved. The Mayor was "too busy" to admit visitors who desired to test the truth of the report, but a few hours later, the story was confirmed. No Municipal event has ever created more surprise. It was denounced as an outrage on the City, and a proof that the Chief Magistrate had added a crowning disgrace to his administration. All the Municipal officers, irrespective of party, who frequent the City Hall, spoke of the appointment as infamous in the extreme. They attributed it somewhat mysteriously to the fact that Disbecker was in constant attendance on the Mayor during the past two months, and that he had acted on various occasions as his confidential messenger at Albany. The antecedents of Disbecker were eagerly canvassed, and many found it impossible to believe that the Mayor could appoint such a man, until they read the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, NEW-YORK, May 7, 1874.

I, Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the City of New-York, by virtue of the power conferred by chapter 300 of the laws of 1874, being an act to amend chapter 335 of the laws of 1873, entitled "An act to reorganize the local Government of the City of New-York," passed April 30, 1873, and the acts amendatory thereto, do hereby appoint Abraham Disbecker Police Commissioner of the City of New-York, in the place of Henry Smith, deceased, for the unexpired term of the said Henry Smith, which terminates on the 11th day of April, 1877.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

POLICE COMMISSIONER DISBECKER.

Abraham Disbecker, the Mayor's new Police Commissioner, was until recently an obscure sinecurist. He made his début in political life by allying himself with Wm. M. Tweed as one of his numerous dependents. The "Boss," however, did not seem to regard him as very essential to the fortunes of Tammany, for he made provision for him at the rate of only $125 a month in what was then known as the Bureau of County Affairs—an unnecessary but costly appendage to the Controller's office. Of this bureau the joint Investigating Committee, who had charge of examining the frauds of the late Ring, reported in October, 1871, "that there was no legal authority for it, or for the employment or continuance of the County Auditors, clerks, and others employed therein."

Disbecker is said to have been in the pay of the Ring earlier than this. He took an obscure part in the fight of Tammany against the Young Democracy, and was invariably rated as a "regular" Democrat. In order to secure influence in the State capital he secured an appointment as Albany correspondent of the *World*, but was soon allowed to try some other profession. Disbecker subsequently wound up as Democratic Inspector of Election in the Tenth Election District of the Twentieth Assembly District. Here he was very successful, having lessed to and from the ballot-box all political fortune, he secured from the Mayor the office of Supervisor of the *City Record*, at a salary of $5,000 a year. His selection to a Police Commissionership gives him $5,000 more, or $10,000 a year.

EX-CITY TREASURER SPRAGUE ACQUITTED.

JUDGE MOORE'S CHARGE TO THE JURY—THE SCENE IN COURT YESTERDAY.

In the Court of Sessions, Brooklyn, Judge Moore, yesterday morning, charged the jury in the case of Cortland A. Sprague, Ex-City Treasurer of Brooklyn, charged with embezzling the city funds. Judge Moore, in delivering his charge, abstained from reviewing the evidence given in the case, saying that the jury had been so attentive during the trial that he deemed it unnecessary to do so, and would merely advise them on the points of law arising out of the evidence submitted. He said that on examining the fifteen counts relied on for conviction by the prosecution, he found only eight which were not faulty. The remainder were untenable by reason of the use of the word "dollars" in the indictment, "dollars" meaning gold or silver, as the case might be, and not "notes or currency." The remaining counts applied to the Jefferson Car Company transactions, the purchase of the Willow street property, the Fulton Bank stock transaction, and the Brooklyn Building Company assessment. He charged the jury that in order to find the prisoner guilty they must believe from the evidence that the prisoner personally converted the money to his own use. He could not be bound by Rodman converting the money. The matter of $55,000 with the Central Bank and the sinking fund matter had nothing to do with the present case. Rodman's testimony (given as that of an accomplice) should be corroborated, and unless it should be corroborated they were bound to acquit.

Mr. Van Cott suggested to the court that while the Central Bank transaction of $55,000 and the sinking fund matter were not included in the present charges, they might be considered as corroborative evidence.

Judge Morris said the jury should take the entire evidence into their consideration, and decide the case according to their honest conception of it.

The jury retired at 10:55 o'clock, and shortly after it was rumored that they stood nine to three, the majority favoring the acquittal of Sprague. When this became known Sprague and his counsel became more animated, and for the first time since the opening of the trial the defendant spoke freely to the newspaper writers, and appeared to manifest an increased confidence in his case. Shortly after 12 o'clock it became definitely known that only one of the jurors, Mr. Bennett, was decided against acquittal, and it was further asserted that Mr. Bennett's opinion was unalterable. Shortly after 1 o'clock the court adjourned for lunch, and Sprague had some luncheon brought into an ante-room where he sat conversing with his friends. At 4:30 o'clock considerable excitement was created in court by an announcement that the jury was coming, and the immense crowd which had been lounging in the corridors came flocking into the court-room, but returned again on finding that the statement was false and that the jury were as undecided as ever. At 6:30 o'clock, however, the jury sent word to Judge Moore that they had agreed on a verdict, and on Judge Moore assuming his seat on the bench the jury entered the court-room in charge of two officers. They were polled in the usual manner by the Clerk, and Mr. Sprague, though evidently impressed with the idea that their verdict was favorable to him, seemed very much agitated when the foreman of the jury announced the verdict as "not guilty." Mr. Sprague was completely overcome with emotion, and the crowd in the court-room cheered vigorously. Mr. Sprague was at once surrounded by Surrogate Vesser and a number of personal friends, who warmly congratulated him on the result of the trial. He then entered a carriage and was driven to his residence.

THE STEAM YACHT IDEAL.

The steam schooner yacht Ideal, owned by Mr. Hugo Fretsch, Austrian Consul in this City, has just been finished and will shortly be ready for sea service. As she is the first yacht of her class built here yachtsmen naturally feel an interest in her structure and capabilities. She is a full-rigged schooner, and carries 100,000 square feet of canvass. She is 135 feet long, by 21 feet beam, and 8 feet depth of hold, measuring about 200 tons, and drawing 6½ feet of water. Her machinery consists of a single direct-acting propeller engine, with air-pumps, surface condenser, and independent circulator attached. Her engines were designed by Geo. H. Reynolds, of the Delamater Works, and are of an improved pattern. On a trial trip she ran from Newport to New-York in 7 hours and 40 minutes, very fast time for a wholly new boat. She is now enrolled in the New-York Yacht Club fleet.

SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE LOSS OF BOTH LEGS.

In the suit of Wm. Fallon against The Belt Line Railroad, already noticed in THE TIMES, the jury rendered a verdict yesterday in favor of plaintiff for $7,500. The suit was tried in the Court of Common Pleas, before Judge Loew and a jury, and occupied several days, the plaintiff being represented by Mr. Edward McCarty; the defendant by Messrs. Brown, Hall, and Vanderpoel. The plaintiff sued as guardian of his son, a little boy of between six and seven years, who about two years since had both legs cut off above the knees, the result of injuries sustained by being run over by one of the cars of the line, in the vicinity of Fifty-third street and First avenue. The little fellow, who seemed unusually intelligent, was in court, having to be carried by his parents, and counsel for plaintiff contended that, having been incapacitated for any kind of physical employment, he should be awarded damages sufficient to qualify him by education for a position in which he could earn his living.

THE NEW PARK THEATRE.

The new Park Theatre was closed on Wednesday evening by the management. For some time the expenses have been overrunning the receipts, and Mr. Stuart was only deterred from closing up sooner by the entreaties of Mr. Charles Fechter. On Tuesday he sent a note to Mr. Fechter, informing the latter that he would not be responsible any further, and the theatre was closed. Mr. Stuart will, however, reopen on the 18th inst., with Mr. Bartley Campbell and a new company, in American comedy.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION—May 7.

SENATE.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, presented a memorial of journeymen printers, bookbinders, and pressmen of Washington against the passage of the Senate bill to further regulate Government printing. They state that the cost of living is greater in Washington than in any other city, and therefore protest against any reduction of wages. It was referred to the Committee on Printing.

THE LOUISIANA RELIEF BILL.

Mr. SARGENT, of California, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported back the House bill for the relief of persons suffering from the overflow of the Mississippi River, with an amendment, as an additional section, which authorizes the Secretary of War to issue temporary supplies of food and disused army clothing to destitute persons there, and appropriating $100,000 for such purpose, the provisions of the bill to expire the 1st of September, 1874. It was passed without discussion.

A PRESS OF BUSINESS.

On motion of Senator MORRILL, of Maine, it was ordered that the Committee on Appropriations have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

THE BULLION FUND OF THE ASSAY OFFICE AT NEW-YORK.

Senator SHERMAN, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill authorizing the transfer of gold mint bars from the bullion fund of the Assay Office of New-York to the Assistant Treasurer at that City for certain purposes, which was passed.

THE CUSTOMS SERVICE.

Mr. FENTON moved that the Senate proceed to consideration of the bill introduced by him on the first day of the session, to regulate the service in connection with the Customs at various ports of entry in the United States, and the disposition of fines, penalties, and forfeitures incurred under the laws relative to Customs.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, inquired what committee had considered the bill.

The Chair replied that the Committee on Commerce was discharged from its consideration yesterday, and it had not been reported by any committee.

The bill was then taken up.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM, of Connecticut, inquired if the Senator from New-York (Mr. Fenton) would consent to the bill being referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Chair said no motion to that effect had been made, and directed that the bill be read.

Mr. FENTON said while the Clerk was reading he would confer with the members of the Finance Committee. He had no doubt they would authorize him to report the bill to the Senate at once.

Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, said the bill had been before the Committee on Commerce, but the House of Representatives was investigating the subject at the same time, and the committee had decided to defer action in behalf of that investigation before reporting the bill, hence the delay.

Mr. BOREMAN, of West Virginia, moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. FENTON said that committee had been discharged from its consideration yesterday. He would not object to its reference to the Finance Committee, but would object to its going to the Committee on Commerce. The House investigation had been the reason for not reporting the bill, which prevailed during the last six weeks, but why the delay in reporting it prior to that time? This bill did not conflict at all with that before the House, as that was not directed at the machinery of the Customs service, like this.

Mr. MORTON said there were evils in the Customs laws which should be remedied, and this bill should not be referred to any committee where it would sleep for two years. Some committee might consider it, but it should be reported to the Senate soon for action.

Mr. EDMUNDS said the Sanborn business grew out of special and vicious legislation of Congress, and a fine ought to be imposed upon everybody who voted for it. Abuses frequently grew up from the cupidity and dishonesty of persons who administered the law, and not out of the law itself.

Mr. MORTON said if the evils of which so much had been heard did not belong to the law, but to those who administered it, the fact should be known.

Mr. FENTON said he had consented to have the bill referred to the Finance Committee, and was confident it would not be allowed to rest there.

Mr. EDMUNDS said the bill fixed the compensation of officers at certain ports, but left all the balance of the United States to the Secretary of the Treasury, whoever he might be, and gave that officer an army dependent upon him, whose salaries he could fix.

Mr. FENTON said the Secretary had that power now.

Mr. MORTON—Yes, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has the power to fix the salaries of Collectors.

Mr. EDMUNDS said both the Senators (Fenton and Morton) were mistaken. Such was not the law.

Mr. CONKLING—It never was.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

EXPORTATION OF DISTILLED SPIRITS.

A message was received from the House of Representatives announcing the non-concurrence of that body in the Senate amendments to the bill to facilitate the exportation of distilled spirits and amendatory of the acts in relation thereto, and the appointment of a committee of conference thereon. The conference was agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. JOHNSTON, of Virginia, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported favorably on the bill to refund to the State of Georgia certain money expended by the State for the common defense in 1777. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. ALLISON, of Iowa, introduced a bill amendatory of the act to aid in the construction of a railroad from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean. Referred to the Committee on Railroads. It provides that the bridge across the Missouri River, from Omaha, Neb., to Council Bluffs, Iowa, shall be operated as part of the continuous line of the Union Pacific Railroad. It also requires the company to make semi-annual reports to the Secretary of the Interior of the amount required by it monthly for tolls and charges for the use of said bridge, the first report to be for the six months ending June 30, 1874.

Mr. CONKLING presented a memorial of Joseph H. Colton, of New-York, praying the Government to adopt the necessary measures to compel the Government of Bolivia to compensate him for engraving and printing maps of Bolivia. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. FENTON presented a remonstrance of the chief of the Onondaga tribe of Indians against the passage of the bill providing for a settlement under the treaty stipulations with the Six Nations of Indian tribes. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Chair laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of War asking authority to sell the military reservation at Camp Cady, Cal. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. PATTERSON, from the Committee on Pensions, reported favorably on the bill to increase the pension of Mrs. H. W. Sumner, widow of Gen. E. V. Sumner. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. RAMSEY, of Minnesota, introduced a bill for the relief of settlers on the odd-numbered sections of land within the limits of the Northern Pacific Railroad in the Territory of Dakota. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on Pensions, reported unfavorably on the bill to make uniform the pensions of widows of staff officers of the navy, and it was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, moved to take up the Geneva Award bill, but at the request of Mr. Thurman, of Ohio, withdrew his motion until to-morrow.

Mr. BOREMAN, of West Virginia, moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill to establish the Territory of Pembina, and to provide a temporary Government therefor.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine, moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business. Agreed to, and the Senate, at 2 o'clock, went into executive session, after which the doors were reopened, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

EXPORTATION OF SPIRITS.

The House met at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. BURCHARD, of Illinois, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported back the Senate amendments to the House bill to facilitate the exportation of distilled spirits, and amendatory of the act in relation thereto. On his motion the amendments were non-concurred in, and the bill was sent to a committee of conference. Messrs. Burchard of Illinois, Kasson of Iowa, and Beck of Kentucky, were appointed such committee on the part of the House.

THE CENTENNIAL BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Haskins, of New-York, in the chair, on the Centennial Celebration bill.

Mr. NIBLACK, of Indiana, protested against the class legislation which the bill involved, and by which the Government became involved involuntarily in the meshes of implied and so-called moral obligations, in the very teeth of express stipulations of the law to the contrary.

Mr. CROCKER, of Massachusetts, advocated the bill, and suggested to have the taxes increased, if necessary, rather than have the national pride mortified by a display of the white feather. He wanted to go to Philadelphia to see the mineral display from California and Nevada, if for nothing else than to gaze on something which looked like hard money. He would like the Scandinavians and Germans who have kindred here to come and see them, and he did not care if they never went back.

Mr. SMALL, of New-Hampshire, opposed the bill, although he said he knew there was very little use in attempting to argue against "Glory Hallelujah," especially when accompanied by the "E Pluribus Unum" and "Yankee Doodle." He denied that the plighted faith of the Government had been given on the subject. The plighted faith of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania had been given, but not that of the Government.

Mr. CAIN, of South Carolina, followed in a speech in support of the bill. He hoped to see the skill and energy of his own race manifested at the exhibition. By that time Congress would have passed the Civil Rights bill and the General Amnesty bill, and the South and the North would clasp hands together in union and amity.

Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, opposed the bill. The first question in his mind was, whether the national faith was pledged to the support of an international exposition at Philadelphia. If it was, he would not only vote for an appropriation, but for as many more appropriations as might be necessary to keep to the uttermost the last word of the public faith. If he were convinced that the national faith was pledged, that would answer all questions in his mind, and would silence all criticism. But then provision should at once be made to impose an additional tax sufficient to meet the emergency of the new demand. But it had been thoroughly and overwhelmingly proved, not only that the national faith was not pledged, but that by every possible meaning of words Congress had hedged itself around, without the possibility of misunderstanding, against the idea of pledging its faith on the subject. He had come to the conclusion that the original purpose for which the centennial was created had been entirely deserted from in the course of the last year, and a new scheme brought forward. If it were a new question he would say that of all the years in the century 1876 was not the year for an international exposition. In the first place it was too soon after the one at Vienna, only three years intervening. The Vienna one came six years after the preceding one, and that was recognized as being too soon. Six years did not bring out enough of inventions to call the world together to see what had been done in the interval. If one were attempted after only three years since the failure at Vienna, it would be a most disastrous and humiliating failure. His pride as an American citizen could not tolerate the thought that in that year, of all the years of the century, the United States should make a failure, as he verily believed it would do, whether Congress aided it or not. The European expositions had been held in a country where twenty nations lay within daily call. If a radius were swept from any one of those expositions seven hundred miles away it would include in the circumference two hundred and fifty millions of people. A like radius from Philadelphia would include only thirty millions. It was simply impossible when such great and rich and densely populated countries failed in their expositions that this sparsely populated country could equal them in the magnificence of their show. That was a reason why he regarded an international feature as most unwise and most unfortunate. Another reason why of all the days of the century the 4th of July, 1876, was inappropriate for such a purpose, was that that was a day for home, for the country, and for its achievements as against all the world, not for others and others who were their guests, but then solemnly to go over the record of the century and inquire what America had done; to walk about the bulwarks of the national temple and count its towers and tell its strength. He wanted no invasive monarchical guests to sit at the national table except they came as uninvited spectators. It should be a day on which all over the country voluntary associations should spring up to commemorate the past hundred years, and in no place should there be a more sacred and solemn assembly than in the City of Philadelphia, where the national life began. It should be made a solemn day, a day of recognition of the past, of study of the present, and for the contemplation of the prosperity of the future, but not a day for flaring out before the nations of the earth to which America had done so much in shattering their principles and crumbling their monarchies.

Mr. HOOPER, of Massachusetts, expressed the belief that the people of the country expected the National Government to unite in celebrating the approaching centennial anniversary of the nation, and there seemed no better way for the National Government to do so than the one proposed.

Speeches in support of the bill were made by Messrs. Scudder, of New-Jersey, and Jewett, of Ohio.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, made a speech against the bill. After twitting Mr. Frye, of Maine, on his ostentatious display of sentimentality or emotional patriotism, he invited him to come down from his soarings and discuss stubborn facts. Even the eagle, soaring with his eye in the sun, was compelled sometimes to alight. He asked him to look at the national balance-sheet. Here was a proposition to take from the Treasury $3,000,000. If it was not there, where was it to come from? In the concluding line of the balance-sheet was this: "Increase of public debt during the month, $1,305,563." Up to the beginning of the eleventh month of the fiscal year the Treasury was not able to bring the two ends of expenditures and receipts together. Last year these two ends had not only been brought together, but $43,000,000 of the public debt had been paid. Not one dollar of the public debt had been paid this year. He would take at their words the gentlemen from Maine and New-York, (Messrs. Fry and Tremain,) as to the way in which the $3,000,000 should be raised. That was in the way in which three or four millions a day had been raised during the war. How had that been? It had been by taxation, or by borrowing at a discount of from forty to 100 per cent. He reminded his friend from Maine that the tax-gatherer had gone into his district, and that the east wind had not been more searching in the bare marrow of every man than the tax-gatherer had been. If the tax-gatherer should now take his eagle in the one hand and a tax bill in the other, and go down to Maine, the tears and the jubilant hallelujahs intermingled of his friend (Frye) would be required to satisfy the people of his district that it was quite proper to go back to the days of the war in order to supply the means of having a grand exhibition in Philadelphia. At the commencement of this session the President had called on Congress to increase taxation to the amount of $40,000,000 in order to meet current expenses. One of the bills reported for that purpose proposed to impose a tax of fifteen cents a pound on tea and thirteen cents on coffee. The gentleman from Maine (Mr. Frye) who, he was sorry to say, had left the hall since (Mr. Dawes) commenced to speak, had yesterday taken the wings of the eagle and soared out of sight of his constituents, but the exigency had not passed away. Only last week the President, in his Veto Message, had again called the attention of Congress to the fact that the country was informed that the country that before there could be free banking, or before the national promises could be redeemed, there must be more taxation. And yet his friend from Maine (Mr. Frye) had gone into spasms of indignation at this idea that the national honor was to be tarnished because he said the President had invited foreign nations to come to the Exhibition, and rather than tarnish the honor of the nation he (Frye) would bray himself and all his energies, and those of the whole people, in renewed taxation and in renewed borrowing to pay the debt. He was, the President, through the Secretary of State, had told Congress that the proclamation which had so alarmed the gentleman (Mr. Frye) had not the slightest intimation in it. Here was, however, another pledge of the Government to meet which a bill for obligations, which pledge was now unredeemed, and that pledge was to pay, before the 1st day of July next, $29,100,000 into the sinking fund, not a dollar of which had been paid, and not a dollar of it could be paid. He (Dawes) invited the gentlemen who were so alarmed at the national honor involved in a note of invitation to turn their attention to the fact that the Government's pledge stood unredeemed and could not be redeemed, but stood broken before the nations of the earth.

Mr. HAWLEY, of Connecticut—Who is the Chairman of the Finance Committee?

Mr. DAWES—I am Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. HAWLEY—Then redeem the national honor.

Mr. DAWES—But that (resuming his position) does not make money.

Mr. HAWLEY, (in a louder and more angry tone)—Redeem the honor of your nation.

Mr. DAWES—Thank you, Sir.

Mr. HAWLEY—Where is your Tax bill?

Mr. DAWES—There it comes. The gentleman holds in his hand his show, and in the other his Tax bill; let him go to the country with that issue.

Mr. HAWLEY—I will.

Mr. FRYE, of Maine, (from a seat close behind Mr. Dawes)—The gentleman intimated that I had retired from my seat so as not to hear him. I desire him to admit that I was listening to every cruel he uttered, and I heard only the same old song which I have heard since I have been here.

Mr. DAWES—If that is any honor to the gentleman he is welcome to it. I will not take a single feather from his eagle. [Laughter.]

Speeches in favor of the bill were made by Messrs. Randall, of Pennsylvania, and Luttrell, of California.

The debate was closed by Mr. HAWLEY, of Connecticut, President of the Centennial Commissioners. He said he occupied the position from circumstances not within his own control. The commission had been sent him by the President, and it was the habit of his life to follow his flag and to do his duty. He wished he could do it better, but when he had done as well as he could he should be acquitted in his conscience, whatever might become of the cause. He reviewed the action of Congress and the Executive to prove that the Government was fully committed to the national character of the celebration. If Congress should forbid this exhibition to go on, he would congratulate the Secretary of State, and would take a sardonic pleasure in looking over his shoulder to see how he would excuse the Yankee Congress for backing out. He wanted the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means to go and tell the Secretary of State how to do it. The House had been just told that the Government was $29,000,000 behind its obligations, while a Massachusetts man had been Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means for years, and while another Massachusetts man had been Secretary of the Treasury for years; and yet the gentleman (Mr. Dawes) had not dared to come before the people with a tax bill required to redeem the solemn obligations of the Government. [Manifestations of encouragement.] He was tired and weary of the talk about a bankrupt nation and a bankrupt Government. If the Treasury was $29,000,000 behind, he wanted somebody to bring in the tax bill and let Congress vote for it; but he did not want the financial officer of the Government to be pointing to a dishonorable deficit while he had allowed six months of the session to pass by without daring to report a new tax bill. The question with the people would be not so much the taxes, but whether the money is expended for honorable and necessary purposes. Referring to the criticisms on Mr. Frye's speech, he said that he grieved when he heard men of wealth, of culture, of honor, and ability sneering at what they called "sentimentality." And particularly when he heard a Massachusetts man like Mr. Dawes, from the free hills of Berkshire, ridiculing the eagle, and all that cheap clap-trap. He himself wished Fourth of July talk to be always in fashion. He pitied the poor, narrow souls whose eyes never moistened at the sight of a flag.

After an eloquent eulogy on the inventive genius and skill of American mechanics, he spoke about the beneficial results which the celebration would produce. European visitors would bring home favorable reports of the country, and immigration would be largely increased

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BOOTH'S THEATRE.—THE GLADIATOR—Mr. John McCullough, Mr. W. E. Sheridan.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—MONSIEUR ALPHONSE—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. Geo. Clark, Miss Ada Dyas.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—LED ASTRAY—Miss Rose Eytinge, Mr. Stuart Robson.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY—Mr. G. L. Fox, Mr. C. K. Fox.

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WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

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BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—FARCES, SINGING, COMICALITIES—Messrs. Unsworth, N. Seymour

BARNUM'S ROMAN HIPPODROME.—CHARIOT RACES—GYMNASTIC ACTS—MENAGERIE. Matinée.

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NOTICE.

Next Sunday we shall publish a new Poem by BRET HARTE, *written expressly for* THE NEW-YORK TIMES, *and entitled*

"DON DIEGO OF THE SOUTH."

The Mayor has appointed ABRAHAM DISBECKER as Police Commissioner in the place of the late HENRY SMITH. To most of our readers the name of DISBECKER may be unknown. "The world knows nothing of its greatest men." But fortunately the valuable public services of DISBECKER were well remembered by Mr. HAVEMEYER. DISBECKER was one of TWEED's understrappers, and he afterward had the honor of filling the important position of Albany correspondent of the *World*. Then he became Supervisor of the *City Record*. With these distinguished claims to consideration, it was very natural that the Mayor should select DISBECKER to fill one of the most important posts in this City. He had previously nominated Ex-Judge HOWLAND for the position, but upon mature reflection he became convinced that Mr. HOWLAND was a highly respectable man, and, therefore, was not eligible for office under the City Government. Mr. HAVEMEYER did not wish to injure the reputation which he has acquired for picking up all sorts of obscure scalawags for public positions. In a lucid interval he nominated Mr. HOWLAND; he has now returned to his first passion, and appointed a man of disreputable antecedents and no character whatever. The credit of this feat ought not, however, to be ascribed wholly to the Mayor, for Controller GREEN has doubtless had a hand in it, and they must divide the honors between them.

Among the acts passed by the late Legislature there were two which ought not to be overlooked—that which establishes the Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Court, and that which codifies our lunacy laws. By the first of these acts, our regular courts will be relieved of a vast amount of litigation. The new Arbitration Court, the decisions of which are final, will absorb the greater part of those purely commercial differences which have heretofore made up a large portion of the business of our courts. The other act is even more important. Under this new Lunacy law, it will be impossible to keep sane persons in any asylum for a longer period than five days. Heretofore it has been extremely difficult to get them out at any time after they had once been put in, and many great wrongs arising from this cause have been brought to public knowledge during recent years.

The District of Columbia Investigating Committee ought to be gratified by the declarations of one MURTAGH, editor of a "Government organ," that he intends to appear before them and make some explanations. This committee have been hunting with great industry for the swindlers in the District contracts, and they should be rejoiced to have their search rewarded by the appearance of at least one of the gang before them. MURTAGH almost deserves a special investigation of his own, for he might then be able to tell how he attempted to swindle the Treasury out of $17,000 for unlawful advertising, including $3,000 for publishing the monthly debt statements. To be an "organ" in Washington appears about equivalent to being a thief.

Rarely has the annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce brought forth a larger number of sensible speeches concerning finance and commerce than were delivered yesterday evening. One of the oldest of our commercial associations, the New-York Chamber of Commerce is entitled to respect from the fact that to a very large extent its members control the trade of the continent. Its views always receive attention, and often are acted upon by the Government. Such men as W. E. DODGE, Judge DAVIS, and A. A. LOW, seldom speak without saying something worth hearing, and yesterday they said a great deal in relation to our present position which will be perused with interest by our citizens. We publish a full report of the proceedings, and commend it to the attention of our readers.

From our Washington dispatches it will be observed that members of Congress are slowly waking up to the conviction that the strength of the public sentiment of the West in favor of inflation has been greatly overrated. One inflationist, just returned from a visit to his constituents in the West, reports that the President's veto message is almost universally approved; that even in Indiana four-fifths of all the people he met approved of it, and that among the grangers of several States a strong sentiment exists in favor of a return to hard money. We have been well abused by Western papers for presuming to doubt the universality of inflation views in that part of the country. It would seem that we have underrated, rather than overrated, the attachment of a large portion of the Western community to sound theories of finance.

The acquittal of Ex-City Treasurer SPRAGUE, of Brooklyn, can hardly be regarded in any other light than as a miscarriage of justice. The original indictment contained ninety counts, but though, in the opinion of Judge MOORE, it was framed "in a lawyer-like manner," the prosecution abandoned all the counts but fifteen. Of these, seven were faulty because the word "dollars" is employed in them in a sense which can only legally mean gold or silver, and not checks or notes. On the remaining eight counts the jury found it impossible to convict Mr. SPRAGUE of embezzling city money. The result of the trial will hardly tend to elevate the tone of official morality in Brooklyn, which at the present moment stands urgently in need of elevation. It is to be hoped that the legal significance of dollars and cents will be better understood by the draughtsman of the next indictment for fraudulent breach of public trust in Brooklyn.

A Police Captain can apparently engage in no more remunerative business than exertions in behalf of charity, for it appears that the shield to be presented to the Captain selling the largest number of tickets for the charity matinées costs $1,200, in which sum is included two diamonds worth $728, which are mounted on the shield. If the cost of this bauble came out of the pockets of the managers of these matinées, no objection can be made, for they are at liberty to throw their private funds away in any manner they see fit. But if this large amount was taken from the charity fund for this purpose, it will be generally believed that the managers have not been faithful to the trust reposed in them. People did not intend to give their money to buy a $1,200 shield for a Police Captain, and to use it for such a purpose is depriving the poor of the City of money contributed for their benefit.

POLISH FOR OLD FURNITURE.

There have been several Democratic reunions recently. That was a very affecting one in which JOHN MORRISSEY paid his respects to the nose of JOHN FOX, and which is likely to result in a duel on the new and improved CLASON principle. The reunion last night at the Manhattan Club was more "genteel." The Democratic papers announced it with great solemnity beforehand. The *World* had a charming paragraph on the subject. It is sometimes said that the *World* may be very foolish in its politics, but that it is "well written." Whenever we happen to look into it, which is not often, this is the sort of English we find in it. We copy the paragraph without presuming to meddle with the punctuation:

"The Manhattan Club Reunion which takes place this evening promises to be a very brilliant affair. A large number of distinguished Democrats from all parts of the country are expected to be present, and we shall be surprised if so many able men can get together and say nothing timely and worth hearing, upon Free Trade, Hard Money and Home Rule, Democratic principles to which without entangling party alliances the Manhattan Club has published its devotion, and which are the open secret of those recent Democratic victories in OHIO, NEW-YORK, CONNECTICUT and other States, that the Club to-night gathers its members and its friends to celebrate."

The *Herald* can do as well as this any day, and yesterday it even did a little better. It put on its best bib and tucker in honor of the meeting at the Manhattan Club. There must have been a caucus of the entire "intellectual department, half native and half foreign," over the leading article. All the best language the distinguished corps could manufacture was trotted out. The Democratic leaders were applauded for "managing well in bringing the Manhattan Club into new conspicuousness as a great radiating focus of Democracy." There you have the latest Parisian touch. A club is a radiating focus. It is, in the present "posture of affairs," a place to be "invested with all possible prestige." Presently the old Tammany gang is referred to—that gang which the *Herald* applauded and defended down to the last moment. "The old Tammany chiefs," said the *Herald* yesterday, "were politically able, but not socially respectable." That was their only fault, you will be so kind as to observe. They were not socially respectable. Excellent men otherwise—"politically able," but not asked out much to dinner. For that, TWEED has been sent to Blackwell's Island. And, says the *Herald*, "it is important for the party to wipe out, if possible, what remains of the Tammany stain, and to accomplish this here and throughout the country it must be made not merely evident, but conspicuous, that men of wealth, standing, influence, and wide social connections have not retired in apathy or disgust from the Democratic organization." In other words—having tried for years to keep power by appealing to the lowest classes in the community, let us buy a new hat and a suit of Spring clothes, and try the respectable "dodge." And thus the men of wealth and standing met last night at the poor Manhattan Club, a place much changed since the days when "Prince JOHN" dined within its walls.

There were, of course, many letters read from gentlemen who regretted their inability to be present. One of them was from Mr. EDMUND BURKE—not the author of the *Reflections on the French Revolution*, but a gentleman who once took a more active part in politics than he has done of late. The opinion of Mr. BURKE is that during the last twenty years the Democratic Party "has fought its battles under the Democratic banners." We regret that we cannot say "ditto to Mr. BURKE." So far as we can recollect, the Democratic Party fought the battle of 1872 under the Liberal Republican and Greeley banner, and put its own banner in to the ash-barrel. Senator STEVENSON, of Kentucky, expressed his belief that "principles, not men, are the great need of the hour." We should say that principles as well as men would be exceedingly useful just now in the Democratic Party. Mr. J. Q. ADAMS would watch for the results of the meeting with great interest, and Mr. JOHN K. TARBOX thought that the Republican Party was "recreant" and that the Democrats would be restored to the "polluted fountains of power." We think we have heard something of this sort before. Then came the speeches. They seem to have been very dull, and to have been very coldly received. Mr. AUGUSTUS SCHELL is not a great orator, and on this occasion he seems to have been slightly nervous. Mr. AMASA PARKER spoke of "glorious victories," and advised his party to "harmonize." We have given it the same advice for a long time past, but it does not mind us. Perhaps Mr. PARKER will have better luck. Some reference was made to "hard money," but it fell very flat. Senator BAYARD made the best speech of the evening, but why was our dear Mr. TILDEN silent? There he stood—next Democratic candidate for Governor. He is not generally a taciturn man. He can even be a little prolix when the spirit moves him. Yet, although he had the assistance of the gentleman who once called him "an up-town railroad speculator," he opened not his mouth. Indeed, the proceedings altogether seem to have been deplorably forced and artificial. There were no "principles" advocated, perhaps because the Democratic Party has not yet agreed upon any. The "men" who were present cannot well be regarded as leaders of a party, with two or three exceptions. If we are really witnessing the beginning of a Democratic reaction, this meeting at the Manhattan Club is calculated rather to bring the whole thing into ridicule than to assist it. Clubs seldom succeed in dictating the politics of a nation. The Democrats are at present flushed with one or two trifling successes, but their opponents are helping them more than they help themselves. The shilly-shally course of Congress in reference to the finances is worth more to the Democrats than the letters of EDMUND BURKE (the Second) or the speeches of PARKER and BAYARD. The Democrats should play a quiet and waiting game at present—not stirring up their antagonists by premature explosions of triumph, and not betraying their own weakness in "men and principles" unnecessarily. This is a piece of gratuitous advice, and we give it with all the more confidence because we know it will not be taken.

THE USE AND ABUSE OF TRADES-UNIONS.

Practically there can be no limitation prescribed to the activity of trades-unions. A laborer is entitled to get the highest wages which he can by legal means extract from his employer. Of course, laborers, as well as capitalists, have a definite social responsibility for the occasions, as well as the methods, employed for working out trades' disputes. Both may produce widespread public injury from sacrificing the interests of industrial progress to the mere greed of present gain. To originate a "lock-out" of workmen for the sole purpose of creating an artificial scarcity of the commodity they are employed to produce, is as unprincipled a proceeding as to begin a strike for the purpose of resisting a fractional reduction of wages clearly justified by diminished profits and restricted trade.

The two great labor contests at present in progress in England furnish very good illustrations of the use and abuse of trades-unions on the part of the employed, and of the true and false position occupied in regard to these organizations by employers. In the agricultural laborer's lock-out, the men are as clearly in the right as the farmers are in the wrong; and in the strike of coal-miners reported by cable the other day, what we know of the facts justifies the conclusion that the men are wrong and the masters right. If any class of men were justified in organizing for the purpose of dictating better terms from their employers, it was certainly the English farm-laborers. The Russian serfs were probably the only body of Christian men who could compare with them in mental, moral, and physical degradation. They were housed worse than beasts of burden, they were fed in a way that led to a frightful deterioration of physical type, and, as a rule, they received no education at all. For about twenty years this class has numbered about a million adults—their numbers remaining stationary, because all the superior members of the class were drawn off into manufacturing pursuits or by emigration. Seven years ago the wages of agricultural labor in the area covered by the present lock-out averaged nine shillings a week. By a gradual process of elevation, aided latterly by organized combination, they have reached an average of thirteen shillings a week. The demand for an advance of another shilling has furnished the farmers with an excuse for locking out some 4,000 laborers, and the expressed determination of the unions to "agitate" till a fair level of eighteen shillings a week has been reached, has been assumed as sufficient reason for resolving throughout a few other counties to lock out several thousands more.

In fact, over a large part of England the farmers are now making a distinct issue on the question of the laborer's right to combine for the purpose of regulating wages, and from present appearances half the agricultural population of the country will shortly be thrown out of employment, until it can be decided whether the farmers or the unions are the stronger. Whatever be the issue of the present conflict, it can hardly be doubted that the ultimate result will be that wages will continue to increase. This is unquestionably a result which it is for the interests of the country at large to secure. A society that contains a million of freemen debased by ignorance and stunted in growth by the operation of bad air and insufficient food, contains within itself the elements of fatal disease and premature decay. A peasants' war would be the least formidable of the dangers which such a state of things is calculated to invite. Hence it is that the cause of the agricultural laborers has been espoused by some of the foremost thinkers and most enlightened philanthropists in England, and that the present attitude of the farmer has evoked a voice of warning even from the sleepy Episcopal Bench, and is condemned by some of the least Democratic of English newspapers.

The strike which terminated yesterday among the Durham collieries, by which 70,000 men were thrown out of employment, seems to have been due to the arbitrary caprice of a set of, relatively speaking, the best-paid artisans in the world. These men have recently been able, by working four or five days a week, to earn wages above the average income of the professional classes of England. Their recent prosperity led some of them into rather unusual social indulgence—such as drinking champagne, and spending a good deal of money on riding in carriages. On general principles they were, of course, entitled to spend their fairly-earned wages as they thought fit. But now that coal and iron have been greatly reduced in price, and when the dullness of trade and the competition of other nations compel a return to small profits on the part of the masters, it is impossible to sympathize with the men who refused to bear their share in the general contraction of earnings. The capital that must habitually contend against such a policy on the part of the producing class will inevitably seek employment in other fields, to the permanent injury, first and chiefly, of working men themselves. Such a policy has seriously hampered the development of the coal and iron industry of the United States. It must prove still more detrimental to a country whose natural resources have been greatly depleted, and whose industrial competitors are much nearer at hand. The short-sighted obstinacy of the English farmers may result in sending a few hundred thousand agricultural laborers across the Atlantic, and the extravagant pretensions of the English miners may contribute toward a revival of our own competing industries; but these possible gains need not prevent us from recognizing both contests as undoubted misfortunes to Great Britain.

PEDDLERS.

There is a nuisance from which many of our readers must have suffered serious inconvenience, and which is daily becoming more intolerable. It is the intrusion upon us at our homes, as well as at our places of business, of what are, in plain English speech, peddlers. They come at all times and seasons, to sell all sorts of things, from a patent yeast-powder to a camel's-hair shawl. Generally they are bland, insinuating, florid and fluent in speech, and with some skill in flattery; sometimes they are plaintive and petitionary; at others, although more rarely, they are bold and overbearing. But in almost all cases they are persistently and shamelessly importunate, and know the full value of the style of not taking no for an answer. Housekeepers and men of business, having long been worried by these people, at last adopted very generally the expedient of giving positive orders that no one should be admitted, and that they should be called to see no one who did not send a card or at least a name. This little police contrivance baffled the peddlers for a while. It excluded them from many of the houses and the offices where they hoped to do the best strokes of business. But they were equal to the emergency. They had cards of address engraved in the most simple and elegant style, they donned unexceptionable morning dress, and they have become for the present, if not irresistible, at least unexcludable.

Their mode of procedure is this: Selecting an eligible house, they take the name from the door-plate, or if there is none, they find it out from some one in the neighborhood, and then ringing the bell they ask, not for "the lady" or "the gentleman," as they were wont to ask, but, in a cool matter-of-course way, if Mrs. —— or Mr. —— is at home. If they are told yes, or that the servant will see, they produce a card, which does not differ in appearance from those which the servant is in the habit of taking from the habitual visitors to the house, and ask to see Mr. —— or Mrs. ——. The lady, however, is usually chosen, as being more persuadable, more easily tempted, more inclined to be led into a talk, and, it is even so—more likely to be bullied into buying. She receives an unexceptionable card with the message that the gentleman or the lady is in the "reception-room," or likely enough the drawing-room. Not unlikely she is much occupied, or perhaps not well and lying down. She does not know the name; but she will not turn away the "gentleman" or the "lady" who has presented such a card, and who has been admitted to her house. Moreover, this stranger may be the friend of some friend; therefore with inconvenience, perhaps with pain, she goes down. She finds a "gentleman" or a "lady" who, in spite of good clothes, she sees at once is not in her own "set" to say the least; and if the visitor be what old SAMUEL PEPYS would have called a "she peddler," this discrimination is made at a glance with unerring certainty. The lady rises, shakes hands, resumes her chair, makes some elegant and original remarks upon those vernal amenities of our climate which drove even the Minister from St. Petersburg in doors, and kept him there; and then, in a casual and altogether allusory manner, she says: "I have called to bring to your attention a very elegant article of soap, which is just being introduced, and I am inaugurating the sale in this vicinity." Then she produces a specimen cake, and offers to inaugurate the sale at that particular house by leaving a box containing a half-a-dozen such for the sum of one dollar and a half. The mistress of the house, who has been disturbed and deceived in this way, is probably, at first, intolerably vexed, and refusing decidedly to buy, rises to dismiss her visitor. But the peddler becomes voluble, and even eloquent, upon the virtue of soap in general and of this soap in particular, and the lady, irritated as she is, thinks as she looks at her, "Poor thing! it may be that your husband is dead, or worse, a drunken, shiftless wretch, and you are really pleading for your hungry children," and she buys, and perhaps does not notice that her visitor goes away without saying "Thank you," but seems to regard the whole proceeding as a fair business transaction, properly conducted.

The case that we have supposed presents the nuisance in its mildest form. It is the occasion of importunities which become almost menaces, of impositions of all kinds, including the stealing of cards of address from the card-receiver while the servant has gone up stairs, and the using these as letters of introduction. We know of an instance in which one of these peddlers, an exceedingly well-dressed man, refused to be turned from the door, and brushing past the waitress, was on his way to the drawing-room, when he was surprised to find himself turned neck and heels into the street by the master of the house, who had been attracted by the little fracas, and whom he supposed, of course, to be at his office; for these people generally time their visits between 11 A. M. and 4 P. M. And we heard but now of a case in which the master and the mistress of a household were in one morning successively interrupted and were obliged to make changes in their dress, the one to find a genteel touter for orders for spring-beds, and the other an equally genteel book-peddler, each of whom had sent up a plain visiting-card perfectly *comme il faut*.

This, as we began by saying, is a serious nuisance; and in its present form it may possibly seem to some persons one that cannot be easily abated. For shall we refuse to respond to the elegant card of a well-dressed person, merely because the name is unknown to us, when, perhaps, we might make a desirable acquaintance or entertain an angel unawares? No, certainly not. But there is a remedy which would prove very effective, and which, but for that supine, easy good nature which makes us the prey of scoundrels and impostors from the Tweeds downward, and which has in a great measure brought this annoyance upon us, would be applied without mercy. If, in every case in which a gentleman or a lady is asked for by name by a person who sends up his or her card as if on a visit of friendship or ceremony, and who proves to be a peddler, such person were instantly dismissed, without being allowed to say a word about his or her wares, and with a sharp rebuke for the intrusion, this nuisance would be speedily abated; for it would cease to be profitable, and become very uncomfortable to the intruders. We see no other way of relieving ourselves from it; but this will do so thoroughly and quickly. We owe it to each other to put it in practice immediately; and we hope that our readers will begin at once.

TAMPERING WITH THE EYES.

The desire to regain health becomes so strong with the majority of persons who suffer from the loss of it, that they are willing to try almost anything in the nature of a specific for that purpose. They either permanently give up the treatment of the regular family physician, and place themselves under the care of vulgar quacks without knowledge or principle; or, while paying for the services of the former, secretly swallow the vile decoctions of the latter, and in the excitement incident to the deception, think they are being benefited. The amount of injury inflicted in this way, could it be accurately estimated, would startle everybody. The truth is, in spite of our boasted civilization, the trade of the quack is more profitable than it ever has been. Persons of more than average intelligence, if they are not ashamed to own it, will tell their friends quite gravely that they have been to this, that, and the other "extraordinary healer of the sick," and that they have had "ever so much good" done them. The newspapers of a certain class are continually filled with the advertisements of such "healers"—a fact which in itself goes to show that they push a brisk trade, and make plenty of money.

Who has ever traveled to any extent through the States without encountering the plausible "fraud" in the velvet suit, long wig, and discolored face? This individual, notwithstanding that his appearance might be expected to occasion doubt as to his ability and trustworthiness, finds fifty, aye, a hundred patients for the one that would be secured by a reputable physician. As it is with quack doctors, so it is with quack oculists. They likewise find dupes by the thousand. If a vulgar rogue, who knows as much about the human eye as he does about the occupants of the moon, supplies himself with a good stock of spectacles and contrivances for "improving the sight," he can go through the country and realize a handsome profit. The men and women who are near-sighted and far-sighted can be met with in profitable numbers in every State, and it only requires an oily tongue to persuade them to experiment with almost any kind of appliance, however dangerous or absurd. The records of ophthalmic hospitals and blind asylums show hundreds of cases of persons who have become partly or totally blind through quackery. Considering the delicate structure of the eye, and the consequences sure to follow its improper treatment, it seems incredible that so many should be found willing to accept the advice and rigidly follow the instructions of charlatans. Among the appliances for "improving the sight" that have lately been severely condemned by ophthalmic surgeons are the so-called "eye-cups." An Albany oculist, in an article published some time since, pointed out a few of the results produced by their use, and now we find in the letter of a Hartford surgeon an account of a case that has just come under his observation. The patient had been induced to try the "cups" for far-sightedness. After a few applications "she had a slight pain in the affected eye, followed by partial blindness, which gradually increased until vision was completely destroyed." The surgeon further tells us that on examining the eye referred to with the ophthalmoscope, he found "that there had been a complete separation of the nervous structure of the ball from its contiguous part, presenting the appearance of having been peeled off."

A Boston ophthalmic surgeon, of high reputation, in a recently-published work has given some hints concerning eye affections which, in the present rage for quack remedies, cannot be too widely known. He assures us that the far-sightedness of old eyes, instead of being due to the flattening of the cornea or front of the eyeball, is the result of a gradual hardening and consequent loss of elasticity of the crystalline lens. In relation to a favorite quack system of treatment he says:

"It is a mischievous error to suppose that the form of an elastic globe filled with fluid or semi-fluid substances can be changed, except for the moment, by pressing upon it with the fingers, as has been recommended by charlatans. Also the theory that the eye can have its form favorably modified by rubbing it always in one direction, or by any other manipulation, has no foundation in facts. But while persistent squeezing according to these methods can never do any good, it involves great risks. It may lead to congestion and hemorrhage within the eyes, or give rise to destructive inflammation, or the formation of cataract by dislocating the crystalline lens, or cause almost immediate loss of sight by a separation of the retina, or nervous distribution, from the neighboring parts."

It is to be hoped that warnings like these will not be lightly passed over. There should be a limit to the operations of quacks, and it certainly cannot be set too far away from the eye.

REST FOR THE STOMACH.

Just at this season, a large class of the community begin to discover that they need rest and change of scene. Nervous exhaustion, excessive brain-work, extreme tension of the system—such are among the reasons given for the complaints from which the well-to-do members of the commercial and professional classes are liable to suffer about this time. The explanation may be true enough, so far as it goes, but it would lead to a better understanding of the remedy were the origin of the disease to be probed a little deeper. The brain and nerves break down under continued strain chiefly because they are imperfectly nourished, and the stomach is found inadequate to maintain the balance of bodily energy, because it gets too much to do. Briefly, a number of those who think they suffer from overwork are simply the victims of overeating.

There is no country in the world where, relatively to the average earnings of the people, food is so cheap, and nowhere is it more abundant or varied. There are certainly a good many nutritive articles of food whose claims are entirely overlooked by us. Horse-flesh has not yet become a popular article of diet, and we still accept the fact mainly on the testimony of European gourmands that the flesh of the ass has a more delicate flavor than that of the horse, and that roast mule is a much more delicate dish than either. We are still behind two-thirds of the race in our lack of appreciation of the savory qualities of rats and mice, and the spiders, beetles, grasshoppers, moths, &c., that certain Asiatics esteem as delicacies of the table, have not yet been taken up by the compilers of our cookery-books. But of the familiar varieties of flesh and fowl we have within the reach of nearly everybody's purse as great a variety as has ever been known to our section of the race, and in the matter of fish, vegetables, and edible fruits we have a range of selection absolutely unequaled.

One unfortunate result of these advantages is that rich and poor alike eat too much, if not also too often. There are some theorists who trace the physical decay of the human family in its progress from one meal a day to two, from two to three, and from three to a still larger number. The Russophobist, Mr. URQUHART, maintains that there would be no more dyspepsia did civilized man confine himself to one meal a day, and to this authority "it seems an impossibility that the earth should ever have been peopled, had man either indulged in three, or even two meals a day." All the recorded examples of the one-meal system, however, sustain the conclusion that it promotes a brutish habit of gorging to repletion, followed by something like complete lethargy, till the process of digestion is finished. It would be easy to prove, on the other hand, from the experience of all nations, that two meals a day are enough to supply the waste of the bodily system. "Up at 5, dine at noon, sup at 5, bed at 9," is a very old rule of daily conduct—too old, we fear, to have any chance of coming into practice again.

The problem, after all, is not so much the number of meals as the quantity of food consumed at each. Overeating, as Mr. URQUHART maintains, undoubtedly impairs the reproductive powers of the race. One may see this fact exemplified in the puny children which sturdy Irish parents so frequently contribute to the country of their adoption. A liberal consumption of potatoes, oat-meal, and milk, is as likely to contribute to bodily vigor, as an indulgence in meat three times a day is likely to impair it. If the poor Irishman errs in setting aside too abruptly and thoroughly the healthy nutriment of his youth, men and women, who ought to know better, perpetrate more grievous wrong on themselves and their offspring by constant indulgence in the most stimulating diet that can be prepared, accompanied by a persistent abstinence from the physical exertion fitted to counteract its effects. Three heavy meals a day, composed chiefly of meat and stimulating fluids, are undoubtedly one too many. Dinners ought to be lighter and earlier, if lunch must remain what it is, and unless we can make up our minds to a simpler breakfast we should eat and drink less at mid-day. The health of our women suffers because they abstain from the exercise in the open air which ought to accompany rich feeding; and men become dyspeptic and used up before their time, because they overload the stomach, and then shut off the supply of nervous energy which is essential to the diminution of the burden. The seat of the nerve force and the organs of digestion are in perpetual conflict; the one starves the other, and both become prostrated in the long run, because the longer the struggle lasts the capacity of either for healthy action becomes less. Food that ferments in the stomach cannot supply the constituents of healthy blood for heart or brain, and the brain, stinted of the most obvious condition of vigor, becomes less and less able to perform any of the functions required of it. We suggest to people in want of rest and refreshment that, whether they seek them at home or abroad, they should begin by restoring certain natural intervals of rest to that much-abused organ the stomach.

THE DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.

MURTAGH AMBITIOUS OF DISTINCTION AS A WITNESS — CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS ON WHICH HE CAN TESTIFY WITH PROFIT TO THE COUNTRY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Gov. Shepherd was examined by the District Investigation Committee to-day, in both the morning and afternoon sessions, and his evidence concludes the case of the District. He will, however, be recalled for cross-examination by the counsel for the memorialists, and Judge Wilson, of the committee, also desires to ask him further questions. He was examined on almost every point made by the memorialists in their charges, or touched upon by the evidence during any part of the investigation. The committee will continue the investigation to some points not touched upon by the evidence submitted, and will endeavor to conclude the whole business next week. Murtagh has given notice pretty freely about town that he intends to go before the committee and explain his connection with the Collins contract, and, as he expresses it, to make a clean record for himself, after which he promises "to make it hot" for certain parties whom he mentions. There is very great desire on the part of correspondents whom Murtagh has assailed to have him placed upon the stand, and probably if he does not come voluntarily he will be subpœnaed by the committee, who are very curious to learn many things which they think that Murtagh might explain, unless he chooses to adopt the method of answering by which Kirtland escaped telling the truth. All that the District investigation has developed concerning Murtagh is really of very trivial moment compared with certain attempts to obtain payment from the Treasury Department for about $17,000 unlawful advertising, including $3,000 of charges for publishing the monthly public debt statements. A very little more public agitation on this matter will produce a special investigation.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—In the District of Columbia investigation this morning Gov. Shepherd was on the stand, and was examined in reference to the improvements of roads leading to suburban property, the filling up of the old canal, the justice of the general sewerage tax, the prices paid by the Board of Public Works for wood and concrete pavements, as compared with other cities, and other matters. He submitted a large amount of documentary testimony, and was on the stand until the hour of adjournment. He will be cross-examined to-morrow.

When asked if he had any knowledge of any conspiracy to secure and control contracts, as set forth in the first charge of the memorialists, he answered: I have no knowledge of any conspiracy, nor do I believe there was any. The contracts were awarded to the parties set forth on account of their business standing, and their ability to do the work to the satisfaction of the Board of Public Works. The meeting of contractors was not private. The doors were open, and the room was crowded. Circulars to be in attendance were sent or ordered to be sent to every contractor who bid. The reason a schedule of prices was established was because it was the most economical means, as it prevented straw bids and imaginary claims for additional reward, and secured the work being awarded to responsible men, and prevented contractors from defrauding their men. The subject was thoroughly canvassed at the board, and it was unanimously agreed that it was the best way to do the work and secure responsible parties to do it. All responsible parties who wanted work got it. The Government of the United States do work in this way. The Capitol was built on a per centum paid to the parties who did the work.

The Governor submitted prices paid for work in New-York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Baltimore, authenticated by the officers in charge of the work in those cities, to show that the board rates were less than in the cities enumerated. Among other items, it claimed that the De Golyer pavement in 1871 cost New-York City $5 per square yard; that brick sidewalks in Philadelphia cost $1 25 per square yard—the same pavement as the Board fixed at eighty cents per yard. He stated that the bricks used in B street intercepting sewer, although some of them were light in color, were good hard bricks.

In answer to an interrogatory to state the action of the Board of Public Works with reference to treating wood for pavements, and concrete pavements, he said: The board advertised for proposals for treating wood. The bids were opened Sept. 30, 1872, in the presence of the Advisory Board. All the different processes were submitted to two chemists in the employ of the Surgeon General. They recommended, first, creosote; second, burnetizing, and, third, the Samuels process. The Advisory Board recommended the laying of concrete pavement wherever it was advisable to lay concrete. I will say that the people were prejudiced against concrete; but the prejudice is gradually wearing away. He testified that De Golyer & McLellan were allowed to lay additional yards of pavement, after having been stopped, on a certificate from the Board of Public Works of Chicago that the DeGolyer pavement laid in that city, as far as it had been tested, was a good one. He did not think, at the prices paid the firm, they could afford to pay a bonus of $98,000 to secure the contract, and to do good work, and that he did not know such a bonus had been paid or he would not have allowed a foot of it to be laid. He was asked to state the circumstances of the award of a contract to O'Conner & Stanley, of Newark, N. J. He read a proposal to do work for the board by the firm, also a letter from Marcus L. Ward, stating that O'Conner & Stanley were a reputable firm; also a letter from the Bank of Newark, stating they had ample means and good credit. In July, 1873, they offered to lay 25,000 yards of pavement at $3 per square yard. On July 10 they made another proposal to lay Belgian pavement at $3 50 per square yard. On July 11 they wrote to inquire what disposition would be made of the bid. On the 12th of July a contract was awarded the parties to lay 25,000 yards of wood pavement and 10,000 yards of Belgian pavement. On the 30th of July a letter was received accepting the award for the wood pavement, agreeing to do the work in sixty days. They did not do any work. Why he did not know. Witness never knew Kirtland in the transaction. Witness further testified that it cost, $192,216 86 to fill up the canal, and that the reclaimed land which accrued to the Government was valued at something over $2,000,000.

With reference to measurements around Government property, witness thought in one or two instances they were excessive, but in the main the charges were correct. He thought Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Oertley were good engineers. In relation to the General Sewer law, he said the bill followed the topographical features of the city, the natural drainage being a basis for each section. He thought, after a full examination of the question of sewerage, the tax was just and equally levied, and that the mode adopted was the true one.

Judge Thurman cross-examined the witness with reference to the debt of the District, but was interrupted by members of the committee on the part of the House being called away to vote on the Centennial bill.

The witness will be cross-examined to-morrow, when it is expected the District Government will rest its case.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION.

ST. LOUIS, May 7.—The consolidation of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain and Cairo and Fulton Railroads has been fully effected, and a new Board of Directors elected. The following are the officers of the consolidated company: Thomas Allen, President; H. G. Marquand, of New-York, Vice President; D. W. McWilliams, of New-York, Treasurer; D. S. Barlow, Secretary; Thomas McKissack, General Superintendent. The road will hereafter be known as the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway. The old stock and old bonds will be called in and canceled, and new consolidated stock and bonds will take their place. Arrangements have been made to run trains through from here to Austin, Texas, via the International Railroad of Texas.

LAKE NAVIGATION.

PRESQUE ISLE, Ontario, May 7.—The propeller Seymour arrived here this morning from Detroit. She reports large quantities of ice on the eastern shore of Lake Huron

A DEMOCRATIC JUBILEE.

LAST NIGHT'S RECEPTION AT THE MANHATTAN CLUB.

REJOICINGS OVER RECENT DEMOCRATIC VICTORIES—THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE AND WHAT THEY SAID.

The Manhattan Club invited several hundred of the leading Democrats of the country to meet them last night at their house in the Fifth avenue to rejoice over the "victories" in New-Hampshire and Connecticut, and to exchange views in regard to the policy of their party in the immediate future. Perhaps because the meeting as a meeting of congratulation was a little late, and as a meeting for consultation was a trifle early, the attendance was not so large but what the commodious assembly-room was only two-thirds filled. If the company failed to meet the anticipations of the more sanguine in point of numbers, it could hardly have failed in point of the enjoyment of the guests, which was obviously hearty, as the entertainment was elegant and hospitable. The public portion of the programme of the evening began about 9 o'clock, with a few guarded remarks from Mr. Augustus Schell, who presided. Numerous letters were read from those who, for one reason and another, did not attend, among which was a frigid and colorless note from Mr. Pendleton, of Ohio, whose name called out the first hearty applause. Mr. Pendleton was plainly disinclined to commit himself to the known doctrines of the Manhattan. Mr. Thurman, who is more in sympathy with the hosts of the occasion, was conspicuous by his absence, and was represented by a characteristic letter. The regular speaking was opened by Mr. Amasa J. Parker, of Albany, a light more prominent than bright in the Democratic firmament. He gave some incidents in connection with the town elections in this State, on which he built the strongest hopes of a "reaction" that should carry a Democrat into the White House in 1876. Neither Mr. Parker's premises nor his conclusions drew out any particular enthusiasm. By the time that he had concluded and Mr. Senator Bayard, of Delaware, came upon the platform, there was so general a hum of conversation, and so marked a manifestation of indifference in the audience, that that gentleman began his remarks under difficulties. To the little knot of hearers immediately about him whom his voice reached the Senator made the speech of the evening. He is one of the very few able men in Congress belonging to the Democratic Party, and he represents the section of the party which has "the courage of its convictions." He is comparatively young, has an intellectual face, polished manner, a graceful delivery, and a voice singularly earnest and expressive, though it was not strong enough to overcome the confused noises on the outer edges of the gathering. The feature of his speech was a frank vindication of "hard money," which deserved a more cordial reception than it obtained. On the whole, the speaker must have labored under the feeling that he was speaking above the heads, or apart from the sympathies, of his hearers. He was followed by Mr. "Governor" McEnery, of Louisiana, a gentleman with vigorous lungs and a liberal supply of the current phrases of the stump. Mr. McEnery did not make such a speech as might have been expected from his experience and his opportunities. His remarks failed, as did the remainder of the speaking, to interest the company, which was gradually straying away into the smoking and sitting rooms. But, as has been remarked, whatever may have been the value of the meeting as a political reunion, it was very successful as a social gathering. If the prominent Democrats from other States were absent, those of New-York were present in force. Mr. Tilden, Mr. Belmont, the Messrs. Schell, Mr. Marble, the brothers Wood, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Potter were present and active.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

The spacious club-rooms were brilliantly illuminated. The decorations were few and simple, but the absence of ornament was not noticed in the presence of the general good humor which characterized the assembled company. The parlors on the first floor were hung at intervals with the national colors, festooned beneath which were suspended handsome silken banners. The arches between the rooms composing the suite were tastefully draped with white tulle, on which flowers in crimson, blue, and gold were handsomely embroidered. Bouquets and baskets of choice flowers were displayed to advantage on the mantels and sidetables. Supper was laid in the rear parlor, the tables being laden with choice delicacies and adorned with magnificent floral devices. The music was furnished by Grafulla's Seventh Regiment Band.

At 9:30 members of the club and their guests entered the reception parlor, the procession being headed by Col. E. L. Gaul, Secretary of the Reception Committee. Among those present were Senator Thomas F. Bayard, Delaware; Ex-Senator Jas. A. Bayard, Delaware; Ex-Senator Bion Bradbury; Ex-Senator Benjamin Stark, Oregon; Gov. John McEnery, Louisiana; Ex-Gov. Theodore F. Randolph, New-Jersey; Ex-Gov. William Beach Lawrence, Rhode Island; Hon. Thomas Fitch, Nevada; Hon. C. M. Osborne, Judge Supreme Court, Illinois; Hon. Mr. Shipman, Judge Supreme Court; Hon. George W. Woodward, member of Congress and Judge of Superior Court; Hon. Henry B. Smith, Vermont; Hon. Stokes Boyd, Pennsylvania; Hon. Charles W. Carrigan, Pennsylvania; Judge Naar, Trenton, N. J.; Hon. Robert Gilchrest, New-Jersey; H. S. Little, New-Jersey; Leon Abbett, Orestes Cleveland, New-Jersey; Hon. Wm. H. Camp, New-Jersey; W. C. Kelsey, New-Jersey; Wm. H. Van Nortrich, New-Jersey; Wm. B. Guild, New-Jersey. Hon. Edward Q. Augustus Schell, Judge Amasa Parker, Henry C. Murphy, Clarkson N. Potter, Francis Kernan, J. V. L. Pruyn, George M. Beebe, Judge Charles A. Rapallo, Eli Perry, Judge Jasper W. Gilbert, N. H. Seramme, Emigration Commissioner Lynch, Hon. Samuel A. Lewis, Ex-Judge Curtis, George W. Wingate, F. F. Marbury, Justice Kilbreth, Judge Spencer, Wm. H. Wickham, Major Quincy, Alfred T. Ackert, Manton Marble, Judge Brady, Senator Wm. Johnson, Commissioner Wiedercr, Congressman Clarkson N. Potter, Charles O'Conor, Fernando Wood, Benjamin Wood, Charles W. Brooke, Douglas Taylor, Col. E. L. Gaul, Alderman McCafferty, Wm. C. Barrett, Commissioner Simon Sterne, Gen. M. T. McMahon, Algernon S. Sullivan, Orlando L. Stewart, Bernard Casserly, Judge Alker, Joseph J. O'Donohue, Alderman Monheimer, James Stokes, Nathaniel Jarvis, Carlisle Norwood, August Belmont, Wilson G. Hunt, John T. Agnew, Hon. Robert C. Fisher, Judge Samuel Jones, Judge Lawrence, Judge J. M. Barbour, Judge Mansfield G. Field, Hon. Daniel Pratt, Gen. Averill, Lawrence Jerome, Wm. J. Marvin, Judge Larremore, Wm. C. Whitney, J. C. Griswold, Henry Hilton, John Wheeler, Algernon S. Jarvis, John Gilbert, R. M. Henry, C. Godfrey Gunther, Gen. Abraham Duryee, Hon. J. C. Sargent, A. J. Requier, Wm. A. Seaver, J. W. Alsop, Judge Shea, George J. Forrest, Thos. Boese, Smith E. Lane, Hon. Alfred Wilkinson, of Syracuse; Wesley Smith, Albany; Mayor Hunter, of Brooklyn; Hon. Wm. C. De Witt, Judge Bosworth, Judge C. E. Daly, Judge H. W. Robinson, Judge Joseph F. Daly, M. Clark Bell, Oswald Ottendorfer, D. R. Williamson, Judge Donohue, Hon. Smith Ely, Hiram Calkins, Alexander McC. Agnew, Henry C. Jarrett, George A. Halsey, Col. F. Simpson, Richard E. Mount, C. K. Garrison, Vincent K. King, Judge Flanders, Judge Kilbreth, Edward T. Thorp, Hon. S. H. Hammond, Judge Homer A. Nelson, Leopold Morse, Massachusetts; Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, Jerome Buck, Philo T. Ruggles, Gilbert N. Spier, H. G. Stebbins, Gideon J. Tucker, S. G. Courtney, Gen. Elijah Ward, Gen. John E. Ward.

THE SPEECHES.

The President of the Club, Augustus Schell, having ascended a dais, called the assembly to order and spoke as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE MANHATTAN CLUB AND FRIENDS: We are glad to meet you on this occasion. It is one of great interest to us and to our City, once State, and our country. We have met together and mare to recognize or rather to feel that the Democratic principles of our Government are recognized throughout the country. [Applause.] The recent elections bring vividly to our minds the condition of our country twenty years ago, when the Democratic Party was ably governed by men of character, position, not only before the American people, but before the entire world and before their Maker. No mere party line shall dictate it; no mere party policy can dictate it; no selfish ambition can dictate it; it must come from something worthy of the occasion, and the occasion is nothing less than the restoration of the principles of free republican government in these United States of America. [Applause.] Gentlemen, think of the task before you. Look at the condition of the South. Just as I entered this room I saw a face that brought before me the condition of one of our sister States, now a mere captive. I saw the rightful Governor of Louisiana to-night in this crowd, and I ask you why is it that he comes here, welcome though he be, instead of being in the place that belongs to him by the Constitution and laws of that State? It is because the Constitution of the United States has been trodden under foot; it is because the laws of the United States have been trodden under foot; it is because the Constitution and laws of Louisiana have been trodden under foot, that John McEnnery is not to-day in the office of Governor of Louisiana. That is one of the small issues that we must right, and that we will right, God willing. Look at South Carolina, if your tears will let you see her. Look at Carolina and say what a task is there to lift those men of your own race into the position they are entitled to. I could not, for my emotion would not permit me, refer to the condition of that unhappy State. You all know it. It is these questions of a broken country, of a broken Constitution, of an impoverished people, of a disordered finance, and of a system of Government faulty in every respect, that we have to meet. What can be more than the legalized robberies which exist to-day in the City of New-York? Have you not here a set of legalized robbers plundering your merchants, and driving honest commerce from your port? [Applause.] When a man is set upon by highway robbers he may lose his watch or his purse; but what is to be said when, under color of law, under the pretense of law, a rich and respectable merchant has $270,000 taken out of his pockets by one single act of robbery? [Applause.] This has been done here, and it cannot point your finger to the rogue whose robbery was punished. On the contrary the robbers are rewarded. Under the present Administration these robbers have increased in numbers and in enormity. These are facts known to every man who hears me, and you tell me these things can be done under a free Government. Why, gentlemen, there is not a despotism in the world where they would not be all condemned, and where, I honestly believe, they would be impossible. This is a part of our task in 1876: First, that we shall secure honest, upright, high-minded men, who shall lead our party in the great contest, so that nothing shall be emblazoned upon our banner but those high principles that every honest American can and ought to feel and uphold. It will not be a question of narrow party triumph; it will be a question of the triumph of honesty over dishonesty, of law over lawlessness, of the Constitution and Government over the principles of revolution and destruction which the Radical party has brought upon us. You cannot palliate these issues. Let no man suppose that his personal interests can or ought to have any effect. They must take a higher and a wider and a purer range than all that. We must look at the condition of our whole country. We must invite our friends and neighbors who have heretofore differed with us to join in the great work of establishing a limited constitutional republican Government in this country. Having that, and having high-minded men as our leaders, then we may expect first an honest administration of our Government, and secondly, ability in its administration; but I place that second to the simple question of absolute and personal integrity. After that has come we must meet again to consider what the war has really brought us. If any portion of our country suffers for want of an amendment to the Constitution that will secure a good Government for a free people, then a free people will demand that they shall have these guarantees, no matter whose pets political may go under.

ADDRESS OF JOHN M'ENERY, OF LOUISIANA.

John McEnery, who was introduced as Governor of Louisiana, next addressed the assemblage. He said: I congratulate myself that I am here to-night among the Democrats of the State of New-York. I congratulate myself that I am in a State which is free, that I am among a people who are free men, and whose rights under the Constitution and laws of the United States are still unimpaired. While I thus congratulate myself upon that very singular good fortune, I regret that in the State which is almost the State of my nativity, the great landmarks of the Constitution as made by the founders of this Government have been almost obliterated, and despotism, tyranny, and usurpation have been set up over a people who ought of right to be free. Nor has this been done by any act either of omission or commission on the part of the people of the State of Louisiana whom I represent. They have been true and loyal to the Government of the United States since the end of the war. They endeavored by every sacrifice and by every conciliatory measure to reconstruct and rebuild those relations that existed toward the Federal Government previous to the war. In this endeavor they have been met by their opponents—by the members of the Republican Party—with all manner of libel, with all kinds of slander. It has been spread abroad throughout the North and the East that the people of Louisiana were untrue in their allegiance to the Federal Government. I do not come before you to afflict you with an illiad of woes. These are too well known in the history of the country since the war to need recapitulation now. I present myself at your invitation, and I desire to say that if these evils are to be redressed, it will be by an honest and upright administration, not only of the Federal Government, but of all the States—an administration of capacity and of integrity of purpose. Until the high and low places in this country, both Federal and State, can be filled with honesty and capacity, demoralization and, not merely that, but degradation, will increase until the people at home lose confidence, and until respect is forfeited in our relations with people abroad. I believe that this can only be averted by the organization of the Democratic Party, aided and assisted by the other conservative elements of this country. Your campaign must have a broad, wide, and comprehensive basis. We should be careful that we commit no such mistake as was made in 1872. We must not commit ourselves to any temporizing policy. So far as the State I represent is concerned, we propose to enter the lists as Democrats, and to support that party that will bring back to this country peace, prosperity, and all the guarantees of American freedom. Let me say that Louisiana for the last six or seven years has been under the administration of rulers not elected by the people, but who have been thrust upon the people by the Federal power. Let me say, further, that if the Government were to-day in the hands of the taxpayers of the country, who are Democrats, and who not be slandered with the taint of repudiation. There would be no such blot and stain upon her escutcheon as has been set upon it by the bastard Government that now rules over a free people. I predict that there will be no resolution of public faith and public honor until this matter is worked out to its honest issue. The people of Louisiana, and they are Democrats, are determined to fight on to the end, and, though defeat may come this time or the next, they will renew the struggle until the State stands redeemed and regenerated.

REMARKS OF EX-SENATOR BRADBURY.

Ex-Senator J. W. Bradbury, of Maine, was the next speaker. He said that the Democracy of New-York could feel well assured that the Democracy of the entire Union was united with them in rejoicing over the victories that have been achieved, beginning in the great West and extending to the East. It inspired the friends of constitutional government with fresh courage; it was an indication that the people were beginning to wake up to what they had lost, and what dangers they were threatened with from the system of Congressional and executive usurpation which had prevailed during the past ten years. We once had a Government that respected the rights of the States and of the citizens, and that moved harmoniously in its orbit. It loved freedom for the development it fostered, and which gave us a mercantile marine which put us in the front rank of the nations. While all were protected under that Government none felt any of the weight of its burdens; it gave us a currency redeemable in coin, and did not require the payment of extravagant sums out of proportion to values for the necessaries to sustain life. Instead of that we have a Government based on a system of broken promises; an irredeemable currency; a Congress maintaining its-if by enormous Government patronage and a larger standing army than the nation had ever before known. In every direction we see constitutions repeatedly trampled under foot where the States have fallen under the ban of the Federal Government, and half a score of States have been stricken from their positions as independents, and dragged in the dust to feed the throng who fatten on the spoils of reconstruction. It was only necessary to look at the acts of Congress passed and pending to see what awaited the people if this party now in power should be accorded a longer lease of life. What powers would be left to the States, what rights of the citizens unabsorbed in another four years, if this condition of things be allowed to continue? New-York was now appealed to by her sister States to know whether she will assist in this great work of restoration.

REMARKS OF J. D. SMITH, OF VERMONT.

Hon. J. D. Smith, of Vermont, was the last speaker, but he said, as it was already so late, he did not propose to make any speech. He said that whenever there was a great desire to do anything for the establishment of purer government people were very likely to look toward New-York and ask her aid and counsel. He had come down here now to know what the course to be followed was. It was something to have elected Thurman Governor of Ohio, a State in which no Democrat had been similarly honored for many years, as well as to have carried two of the New-England States, and he argued from it bright hopes for the future of free government and a liberated people.

At the conclusion of the addresses the company partook of supper, and the delicacies provided were done ample justice to. At 11 o'clock the company were again called to order by President Schell, and after congratulations and valedictory addresses had been delivered by several speakers, the festivities were brought to a close.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

EDMUND BURKE.

NEWPORT, N. H., May 4, 1874.

GENTLEMEN: I deeply regret that ill health will prevent me from accepting your invitation to attend the reunion of the Manhattan Club of the City of New-York on the 7th inst., so courteously tendered in your letter of 27th ult. Allow me to take this occasion to say that I am rejoiced to know that the victories won by the Democracy during the present year have inspired in the hearts of the people a renewed faith in the principles of the Democratic Party, and an undoubting confidence in its final and not distant triumph in the great battlefield of the Union. Democracy can win only by uncompromising fidelity to its name, its principles, and organization. In the connection I will presume to add that in this State, during the last twenty years, the Democratic Party has fought its battles under the Democratic banners and upon a platform of Democratic principles openly and boldly proclaimed. We have been guilty of no repudiation of the Democratic name, and no skulking from a full and frank avowal of Democratic principles, and for twenty years we have been beaten, sometimes fairly, sometimes by fraud, but we have never been conquered. We were always organized, and after one battle was fought we were ready to fight the next. In the last election our efforts were crowned with a substantial, and, we believe, a permanent victory. With like fidelity to the organization, principles, and name, and a perseverance in its great struggle for right, the success of the Democratic Party on the great theatre of national conflict cannot be a matter of doubt. Every Democrat, therefore, should be inspired with a faith and confidence equal to the great cause in which he is engaged, which is the restoration of the administration of the Government of the Republic to the pure and constitutional principles upon which it was founded by our fathers.

I am, very respectfully, &c.,
EDMUND BURKE.

JOHN R. BRADY and others.

GOV. HENDRICKS.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 5, 1874.

GENTLEMEN: I have received your favor of the 27th ult. inviting me to attend the reunion at the Manhattan Club-house, on the 7th inst., and in reply regret to say that I cannot possibly be present on that interesting occasion. Official duties which I cannot neglect or postpone will prevent. Thanking you for the honor of the invitation, and hoping that the occasion will be a success, I am very respectfully yours,

THOS. A. HENDRICKS.

Messrs. JOHN R. BRADY and others.

SENATOR STEVENSON.

WASHINGTON, May 2, 1874.

MY DEAR MR. ROOSEVELT: I am very grateful and sincerely obliged to you for your kind note. Believe me, I should require no persuading to report myself at the Manhattan on the 7th inst., were it in my power to do so. I am, however, called by urgent professional business to Kentucky on Monday next, and must therefore reluctantly forego the gratification of being with you. The signs are just now auspicious for a victory in 1876. Let us endeavor to be united on principle, and avoid the mistakes of the past. Principles, not men, are the great need of the hour. Republicanism seem to be in a pure state of liquefaction. It will scarcely crystalize in any form that will offer serious resistance to a united Democracy in a manly effort for a free, pure, limited constitutional Government. I hope your meeting will be a grand success.

Very respectfully yours, A. W. STEVENSON,
United States Senator from Kentucky.

GEORGE H. PENDLETON.

CINCINNATI, May 4, 1874.

Hon. Augustus Schell, President Manhattan Club:

MY DEAR SIR: I thank you most sincerely for your invitation to be present at the reunion on Thursday evening, and regret extremely that circumstances which I cannot control will deprive me of that pleasure. The results of the late elections in the East and the West are most satisfactory, and may well be made the subject of rejoicing and the cause of hope. They should at once teach us wisdom and inspire courage. I should be very happy to participate in the pleasures and advantages of the reunion, and with very great reluctance yield to the necessity which prevents. I am, very respectfully, GEO. H. PENDLETON.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

QUINCY, April 29, 1874.

Hon. John R. Brady:

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation from a committee of the Manhattan Club, of which you are Chairman, very politely requesting my attendance at a reunion, to be held at the club, to emphasize the expression of profound satisfaction with which the brightening prospects of the Democracy are hailed by the faithful supporters of that political faith. I should be very glad to be present, to learn from gentlemen more competent than myself how the dissatisfaction apparent in the recent election, to which you refer, can be most effectually used to promote the welfa e of the people of the United States. I do not doubt that the consideration will receive able treatment in the midst of your congratulations, and I shall watch with great interest for the significant indications of a defined and consistent political policy on the great body of good citizens who look to the able minds of the Democratic Party for advice and leadership. I regret that my attendance upon my duty as a member of the Legislature of Massachusetts will render my acceptance of your invitation impossible.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. Q. ADAMS.

HEISTER CLYMER.

Hon. Heister Clymer wrote: "To have been with you to recall and review the past, to make a calm and dispassionate survey of the present, and to take advice and counsel for the future, would, indeed, have been a profound satisfaction; but in justice to grave matters of public interest I cannot at this time absent myself from Washington, so I must beg you to present my acknowledgments to the gentlemen of the club and express my deep regret at my unavoidable absence."

JOHN K. TARBOX.

John K. Tarbox, Mayor of Lawrence, Mass., says in his note: "I thank you for your congratulations over the late political elections, and join most fervently in your aspirations for the early reassertion of anciently honored Democratic principles and constitutional methods in the Government of the country. After the pitiful exhibit or incapacity by the party in control of Federal affairs to satisfy our commercial needs and public wants by a consistent financial policy, consulting the prosperity of the whole people, and its substitution of despotic agencies subversive of civil liberty and employed in support of fraud and usurpation, the Republican party, fallen from its former estate of honored and found guilty of betrayal of the highest national trusts, now stands before the tribunal of the American people for solemn judgment of its unfitness to rule longer. The position of honor and power from which the present party is about to be driven by an indignant nation awaits to be taken by a party that the people trust to restore purity to the now polluted fountains of power; to protect the faith of the nation by giving an honest currency to the people, and just judgment to the public credit, with equal care to all interests and equal taxation, that trade may flow securely in legitimate channels, industry reap its fair awards, and benefits of government be justly proportioned to all; and to establish domestic peace and consolidation—the national unity by the rule of liberty embodied and preserved in constitutional forms."

GIDEON WELLES.

Hon. Gideon Welles, Ex-Secretary of the Navy, writes: "Whatever necessity may have justified the exercise of extraordinary and undelegated power by the central Government during the war, no necessity remained for its continuance and enlargement after the termination of hostilities. The people submitted in the day of our civil strife to the waste of war; to a deranged and irredeemable currency, and sometimes to the enforcement of arbitrary power, but peace should have brought with it a national unity, economy in the Government, a discontinuance of lavish and unnecessary expenditures, a reduction of taxes, genuine money, and the abolition of fictitious, irredeemable paper promises, which, in violation of the Constitution and of the public faith, assumes to be its substitute. Gold, like supreme Democratic doctrine, is truth, while inconvertible paper promises are false and fraudulent—the method of repudiation."

WILLIAM PINCKNEY WHYTE.

GENTLEMEN: Sympathizing fully in the satisfaction which the recent Democratic victories must inspire in every truly patriotic heart, I regret exceedingly that it is not in my power to participate in the "reunion" of the Manhattan Club on the 7th inst. to which you so kindly invite me. I wish you joy on the occasion, and I trust such wise counsel may prevail among the leaders of the Democratic Party that our present success may be but the forerunner of a great revolution in public sentiment by which corruption shall be banished from high places, imbecility in the administration of the departments of the Government be supplanted by mental and moral capacity, the probity of the ballot-box restored, republican institutions re-established in all the States, and the persons and property of the citizen protected from spies and informers, and official decorum and private virtue once more become the prominent characteristics of public functionaries.

Yours, very truly,
WM. PINCKNEY WHYTE.

CONGRESSMAN KERR.

Hon. M. C. KERR, member of Congress for Indiana, writes that circumstances and business will prevent his attendance, and says: "I wish I could come, because in the aims and spirit of your reunion I am in full and hearty sympathy with you. I would like to rejoice with you. I hope those victories to which you refer are but a feeble foreshadowing of those to come. We need more general, broad, and enduring victories, fully re-establishing the complete nationality and unity of the Democratic Party in its essential principles. It is the supreme excellence of these principles that they are alike just, equal, generous, and unsectional in their application, and every section and every class of our citizens and to all their various pursuits, industries, and interests, the eternal truth is that sectionalism and conflicts of class interests can never exist in a great country like ours, or have any decent excuse for existence, provided only that the country is governed by the honest and simple principles of true statesmanship. These principles can never tolerate favoritism. The Democratic Party of the nation needs now more than ever to cultivate a generous sympathies between sections of the party remote from each other—a closer and more truthful adherence to common principles and a common faith."

SENATOR HAGER.

Hon. John S. Hager, United States Senator from California, writes that he was in hopes to be able to attend the reunion at the Manhattan Club-house, but states that "there are too many important matters pending in the senate to admit of his absence from the post of duty," but hopes to have the "satisfaction of seeing realized the glorious promises for the future, which the recent Democratic victories foreshadow."

SENATOR BOGY.

Hon. Lewis V. Bogy, United States Senator from Missouri, writes as follows: "Believing, as I do, that the Democratic Party of the United States is the great conservative power that must save this nation from the impending calamities of political corruption, and profoundly grateful for the glorious earnest we have had in the late elections, I regret exceedingly that my public duties will prevent me from enjoying the pleasure of meeting with you at the coming reunion. The Civil Rights bill approaches action in the Senate, and believing the measure to be among the worst tyrannies ever imposed upon a free people, I could not forgive myself for silence or absence when the bill in question is being acted on."

THE MILL STRIKERS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

ST. JOHNS, N. B., May 7.—The dispute between the mill owners and operatives still remains unsettled, but there has been no collision, as yet.

ARKANSAS.

NARRATIVE OF THE ESCAPE OF THE JUDGES.

SECRET ORDERS TO ASSASSINATE THEM GIVEN—CONNIVANCE OF AN OFFICER IN THEIR ESCAPE.

ST. LOUIS, May 7.—A special dispatch to the *Democrat*, from Little Rock, gives a long account of the capture, escape, and return to Little Rock, of Associate Justices of the Supreme Court Bennett and Searle. After being taken from St. John's College they were removed under the escort of Lieut. Summerhill and a squad of men, to a retired field on the outskirts of the city, where orders were received from Gen. Blocher, and the party then marched to a point fourteen miles distant, where a dispatch from Brig. Gen. Crawford, ordering the party to proceed to Benton, was received. Two miles from that place the party was met by Gen. Crawford with a squad of men. Gen. Crawford was drunk, and gave Lieut. Summerhill entire charge of the prisoners, in whose custody they remained at Benton until their escape. Lieut. Summerhill states that on Tuesday Gen. Crawford received orders from Gen. Blocher that he should protect the lives of Bennett and Searles to the fullest extent, provided they could do so and prevent a rescue, but at all hazards he was not to permit them to be rescued. Lieut. Summerhill states that he met a man at the depot in Benton who told him he saw written orders at Baxter's head-quarters for summary disposal of the prisoners, or assassination, and that he (Summerhill) replied that such an act would not be permitted by him while he was alive and the prisoners remained in his custody. Being convinced that violence was intended to Bennett and Searle, and determined not to be a party to it, he conferred with those gentlemen, told them the facts, disavowed any complicity in the matter, and proffered his services to them to aid in their escape and safe conduct to Little Rock. He gave each a revolver, provided horses, and, under the pretext of removing them to a more secure place, dismissed the guard, induced continued intoxication by Gen. Crawford, decoyed him to another house, and with Sheriff Thompson, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday night, he departed with his prisoners. Sheriff Thompson had no knowledge of Lieut. Summerhill's real purpose. Messrs. Bennett and Searle were suspicious of Lieut. Summerhill, but being armed, and each having a horse, concluded to trust him, relying upon themselves, however, and future probable opportunities. Arriving at a point where the roads diverged, Judge Bennett presented a revolver at Summerhill's head, and said, "You are now our prisoner," and Searle, drawing his pistol, demanded Thompson's arrest. Bennett's revolver was accidentally discharged, which frightened Thompson's horse, and he and his rider dashed away into the darkness. Bennett and Searle, with Summerhill as prisoner, then continued, and shortly after came upon a squad of United States infantry under Lieut. Morrison, who had been sent out to effect their rescue if possible. Not recognizing the men, Bennett jumped from his horse and broke for the woods, and could not be found. After their true character was ascertained Searle and Summerhill were taken to the United States garrison, and afterward to the State House. In about an hour Bennett was brought in by another squad of soldiers, who had been sent out to search for him.

DISPATCH TO THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The President has received a dispatch from Gov. Brooks, at Little Rock, containing information as to the recapture of Associate Justice Searle, with the details relative to the meeting of the Supreme Court. The telegram does not differ in substance from the press reports published this morning. Brooks says that the decision of the court on the controversy which has been commenced will settle the question as to who is the legal Governor of Arkansas, and give us peace whichever way it may be decided.

DISPATCH FROM COL. ROSE, COMMANDING THE UNITED STATES TROOPS.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—A telegram has been received by Adjt. Gen. Townsend from Col. Rose, commanding the United States forces at Little Rock, in which is included a letter received by Col. Rose from Judge Bennett, reciting the details of the capture of himself and Judge Searle, of Argenta, which have already been published, and asking the protection of the United States forces. Col. Rose telegraphs that, upon the receipt of Judge Bennett's note he sent two detachments toward Benton, one under command of Lieut. Morrison, and the other by special train. Lieut. Morrison rescued Judge Searle about eleven miles from Little Rock. Judge Bennett escaped to the woods, where he was wandering at the date of Col. Rose's telegram, (yesterday,) and a detachment was then looking after him.

OPINION OF THE SUPREME COURT ON THE APPLICATION FOR A MANDAMUS TO THE STATE TREASURER.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 7.—Four of the five Judges of the Supreme Court met inside the Brooks line, this morning, and delivered the following opinion in the relation of Joseph Brooks vs. Henry Page, State Treasurer, being an application for a mandamus. The opinion was delivered by Chief Justice McClure:

The twelfth section of chapter 164 four of Gould's Digest, reads as follows: For the purpose of carrying into effect the object and directions of the section last preceding the further sum of $50,000 shall be and the same is hereby appropriated and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be drawn from the Treasury under warrants from the Auditor, to be issued on the requisition of the Governor for the purposes specified in the preceding section and for no other purpose. The fourth section, to which the above reference is made, is as follows: The Governor is hereby authorized, and it is made his duty, to superintend generally everything required to be done by this act, and see that every branch of the service is properly conducted, and to see that the laws of the State are fully and efficiently enforced throughout the utmost limits thereof, and if the laws cannot be enforced by ordinary means, nor by the means hereinbefore prescribed, it is hereby made the duty of the Governor as soon as may appear to be necessary, to order out, organize, and enroll such number of Militia of this State as the service may require, and with military force take possession of the County, and expel therefrom, or seize and bring to trial, all disorganized and disaffected persons, without delay, and keep possession of all such by force until order is restored, and the sovereignty and laws of Arkansas acknowledged and obeyed.

From the pleadings, it appears that the relator, Joseph Brooks, styling himself Governor of Arkansas, made a requisition for $1,000 on the appropriation made by the twelfth section of the act referred to, and that the Auditor, in obedience to said requisition, drew his warrant on the Treasurer for the amount specified therein, and that the said Treasurer refused to pay such warrant or issue a Treasurer's certificate therefor.

In response to the prayer of the petitioner, the Treasurer admits his refusal to pay said warrant, and submits that he is not bound to do so, because Elisha Baxter was declared duly elected Governor, that he took the office, &c., and that, in fact, the said Baxter is Governor of the State of Arkansas, and not the relator, Joseph Brooks.

To the response the relator files a replication alleging, by the judgment of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, he was adjudged the office of Governor, that he took the oath of office, &c., and entered upon the discharge of the duties thereof, &c.

To the replication a demurrer is filed, the grounds being that said judgment is not sufficient in law to maintain an action. The only question that we deem it necessary to notice is, "Did the Circuit Court have jurisdiction to render judgment in the case of Brooks vs. Baxter?" We feel some delicacy about expressing an opinion upon the question propounded, but under pleadings it has to be passed upon incidentally, if not absolutely, in determining whether the relator is entitled to the relief asked for. His right to the office, if established at all, is established by judgment of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. We are of the opinion that the Circuit Court had jurisdiction of the subject matter, and its judgment appears to be regular and valid. Having arrived at these conclusions the demurrer is overruled, and a writ of mandamus will be awarded, as prayed for.

(Signed,) JOHN MCCLURE, Chief Justice.
JOHN E. BENNETT, E. J. SEARLE, M. L. STEPHENSON, } Associate Justices.

No lawyers were present except those who remain inside of the camp at the State-house.

On the 7th of October last, when a full Bench was present, the court had the same question up and decided as follows:

Under the Constitution the determination of a question as to whether a person exercising the office of Governor has been duly elected or not, is vested exclusively in the General Assembly of the State, and neither this or any other State Court has jurisdiction to try a suit in relation to such contest, be the mode or form what it may, whether at suit of the Attorney General, or in relation of claimant through him, or by an individual alone claiming a right to office, such issue should be made before the General Assembly. It is their duty to decide, and no other tribunal can determine that question.

(Signed,) M. L. GREGG,
M. L. STEPHENSON,
E. G. SEARLE.

The Baxterites claim that the decision to-day amounts to nothing. First, because a legal court is composed of a full Bench. Second, that the question of the Governorship is one for Legislatures alone to determine.

There has been a little more activity in both camps to-day than there was yesterday. After taking off the Memphis train squad of twenty Brookaites at Lonoke, last night, and disarming them, a company of Baxter men got on board and have come to this city to reinforce Baxter. Yesterday, at Spadra, in Johnson County, Gen. Lee Thompson and Col. Brizzolari, of the Brooks forces, took forcible possession of the steamer Robert Semple. The owner, Gen. A. H. Myer, got a writ of replevin, and the Sheriff served it on the parties, capturing Brizzolari and a portion of his men. Thompson escaped. Baxter received one company of recruits from Hempstead County this evening, and expects more to-night. The Brooks party have extended their fortifications to-day around the Benjamin block.

As the time for the Legislature to meet draws near men are coming in from all sections of the State, mostly as reinforcements for Baxter, though Brooks received a few men yesterday.

Brooks has organized a cavalry company to do scouting duty. He has pickets to-night out on Capitol Hill, nearly one mile from the State-house.

Beyond this there is no change in the position of the various forces. The guards are doubled again to-night around the Baxter camp.

MORAL PRINCIPLE AND INTEGRITY IN BUSINESS REQUIRED AND ENFORCED BY JUDICIAL DECISION.

The practice of manufacturing and palming off upon the public by means of false labels and trade marks a spurious imitation of some deservedly popular article of general consumption, successfully practiced by many persons who claim to be reputable business men, has been judicially held by the Supreme Court of this State to be a fraud, and coming within the category of "false and fraudulent representations." This class of frauds is very common in this country, and should not go unpunished. We are pleased to know that the courts of this State have, by a recent decision in the case of Lea & Perrins vs. Johns Wolff and another, put a restraint upon this class of frauds. The plaintiffs are the manufacturers of the well-known "Worcestershire Sauce;" the defendants were the makers of a spurious imitation of the same, and to which they also gave the name of "Worcestershire Sauce" as a trade-mark. The Supreme Court have decided that the adoption of that name is a fraud upon the public, and have restrained the defendants, by injunction, from its use. The firm of John Duncan's Sons of this City, who are the agents for Messrs. Lea & Perrins for the United States, certainly deserve public commendation for their persistent and finally successful effort in procuring from our court a decision which will, if vigorously enforced, protect the public from this as also from a variety of similar fraudulent impositions. In some of the States this rule of morality is enforced by express statute, and its violation declared to be a crime, and punished as such. The principle so enunciated, however, is sustained by the "common law," which prevails in all the States of the Union, with one or two exceptions.

MARINE DISASTER.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 7.—The schooner Globe, Capt. Eldredge, of Bangor, an old and small coasting vessel, from Boston, for Portland, ran ashore on Gerrishe's Island, in this harbor, this morning, in a snow-squall, and will be a total loss.

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WEDDING IN SALT LAKE.

MARRIAGE OF A GRANDDAUGHTER OF BRIGHAM YOUNG.

The Salt Lake (Utah) *Herald* of May 2 gives the following account of the marriage of a granddaughter of Brigham Young to a native of this State:

A joyous party assembled at the residence of Mr. Edmund Ellsworth yesterday morning to witness the marriage of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Rowennah W. Howard, to Mr. Chas. B. Wilson. The day selected, May 1, was the twenty-sixth birth-day anniversary of the bride. The company was large and brilliant. There were representatives of the various learned professions, besides a fair sprinkling of mining Superintendents and capitalists. Many ladies, elegantly attired, graced the occasion with their presence. The bride was beautifully dressed in steel-colored poplin, trimmed with silk of a lighter shade, the polanaise being trimmed with fringe. The beautiful service of the Episcopal Church was very impressively pronounced by Rev. Ballard S. Dunn, after which the happy couple received the heartfelt congratulations of their numerous friends. A sumptuous entertainment was then partaken of, and numerous toasts were drank to the wealth and happiness of the newly-wedded pair. An opportunity was afforded the guests to examine the numerous wedding gifts. These were chiefly of solid silver, and were in once elegant and costly. We noticed spoons enough to stock a first-class hotel. The bride's cake was an elegant structure, standing about five feet high, in the form of a tower. The bridegroom is from a prominent New-York family. His father, Hon. Jared Wilson, was for many years one of the most prominent lawyers, and was afterward one of the leading Judges of Ontario County, N. Y. Rev. Dr. Budington, a prominent divine in the Congregational Church in Brooklyn, is a brother-in-law of the bridegroom. Mr. Wilson has resided for several years in this Territory, having been an officer in the Winnemuck Mining Company since its organization by Mr. Ellsworth Daggett, who is his cousin. The bride is a granddaughter of President Brigham Young, and is an own cousin of Col. Elmer Ellsworth, who was shot at the Arlington House in Alexandria, Va., for tearing down a rebel flag at the beginning of the war. The happy couple will remove to their new home in Bingham in a few days, at which point Mr. Wilson is compelled to reside as Superintendent of the Utah Mining Company of Buffalo. The best wishes of a host of friends will accompany them."

THE STAFF OF LIFE.

The Liverpool *Daily Albion*, in concluding a series of articles upon the corn trade of the port, gives the following interesting and suggestive sketch of the change which has been effected in the class of food consumed by the working classes, and in their social habits: "It will appear a singular anomaly, after the figures which we have given, respecting the grain trade of the port, to state that during the past ten years there has been a remarkable falling off in the consumption of bread in Liverpool, and, we suppose, in most other towns as well. In evidence we shall take a particular district, but any locality of the town would suit our purpose. Mill street is the principal shopping street in Toxteth Park, and has a large working-class population in its vicinity. Curiously enough, however, the number of bread shops in Mill street is the same as fifteen years ago, while in the same period the number of butchers' shops has increased from seven to thirty. Nor is this all, for the trade of the bakers' shops has declined, while in most of the butchers' shops the quantity and quality of the meat shown are equal to the displays made in the foremost shops of the town ten or fifteen years ago. Then, in Upper Hill street, between the end of Mill street and Windsor street, there were three bakers' shops; now there is not a single bread-shop, three butchers' shops having taken their place. We have, in fact, to a great extent outlived the truth of the saying that 'bread is the staff of life.' It certainly seems singular that the use of bread should have fallen off so largely, and the best experience informs us it has done, while the consumption of butchers' meat has enormously increased, when the fact is taken into consideration that, relatively to other necessaries of life, bread never was so cheap and beef never so dear as now. The secret of the matter, no doubt, lies mainly in the great increase of the wages of the working men within the past few years, which enables them with their families to obtain butcher's meat and vegetables, in place of the bread and tea and herring of former times. No doubt the change has tended to material comfort, and it will be well if the prosperity of the country remains ever such that the toiling millions of our population may never be compelled to return to the homely fare which they have forsaken for the enjoyment of comparative luxuries. The advances and cheapness of vegetables has also, no doubt, something to do with the lessened consumption of bread among the working classes. Nowadays our markets are abundantly supplied all the year round with vegetables, either our own growth or brought by fast-sailing steamers fresh from the gardens and fields of the Continent. And where is the man who prefers bread and a herring to a juicy steak, with potatoes and other vegetables? The hardship, too, of the working man being unable to go home during the dinner hour is got over, to a large extent, by increased omnibus and other accommodation. For instance, a gentleman got into one of the dock omnibuses some little time ago, and found that nine out of ten other persons who were passengers were carrying hot dinners. When the omnibus stopped he had the curiosity to follow two of these people into a public house. One of them opened the tin which she carried, and it proved to be divided into three compartments, one of which contained meat and gravy, the two others vegetables. She next went to the counter and obtained a pint of beer for twopence, and then placed before her waiting husband as comfortable a dinner as she could have given him at his home. Altogether in this public house, on the occasion referred to, there were seventeen persons taking the ultimate title to the property is in the United States, the Indians having only the right of occupancy, the right being vested in the tribe, and not in individuals. The result arrived at is that the Indians have no power to sell legs cut from their reservations. The Chief Justice delivered the opinion.

No. 11.—*Brown vs. Guild, Executor, and one other case.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Northern District of Illinois.—Decrees reversed and causes remanded for further proceedings. Decision announced by Mr. Justice Bradley. Dissenting, Justices Clifford, Miller, and Davis. Opinions to be delivered hereafter.

No. 304.—*Great Western Insurance Company vs. Fogerty.*—Error to the Circuit Court for the Southern District of New-York.—The question in this case was whether the arrival in specie at the port of destination of a portion of machinery which was shipped in parts, was such an arrival as would prevent a total loss, although no part of the machinery was delivered in a condition as to be of any use. The decision is that it is not necessary to a total loss in cases of marine insurance that the thing should be in a condition of use or destruction of the thing or in a case that nothing of it can be delivered at the port of destination, or a destruction of specie, so that while some of the component elements or parts may remain the thing which was insured, in the character or description by which it was insured, is destroyed, is a total loss. Hence, when machinery was insured, to wit, the parts of a sugar-packing machine, and no part of it was delivered in a condition capable of use, it is a total loss, though more than half the pieces in number and value may be delivered, and would have some value as old iron. Judgment affirmed. Mr. Justice Miller delivered the opinion.

No. 139.—*Hombuckle et al. vs. Toombs, and one other case.*—Error to the Supreme Court for Montana Territory.—In this case the question was whether the court erred in trying the case as at common law under the Montana code, abolishing the distinction between legal and equitable actions when the prayer was for equitable relief. The decision is that there is no error in the result, and the judgment is affirmed. Mr. Justice Bradley delivered the opinion. Dissenting, Justices Clifford, Davis, and Strong.

No. 306.—*Pulsifer et al. vs. Foster.*—Error to the Circuit Court for the Northern District of Illinois.—In this case the court affirm the power of the Assessors and surveyors in estimating a true capacity for a distillery to fix upon a certain period as the true fermenting period, and assert that these officers are not bound in this respect by the period stated in the application of the distiller. Mr. Justice Strong delivered the opinion.

No. 286.—*Knapp vs. The Troy and Boston Railroad Company.*—Error to the Circuit Court for the District of Vermont.—In this case it is held that it was improperly removed from the State to the Federal Court, and the judgment is reversed and the cause remanded, with directions that it be removed to the Bennington County Court. Mr. Justice Davis delivered the opinion.

No. 254.—*McQuiddy vs. Ware et al.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.—This was the affirmance of a judgment below sustaining a demurrer to McQuiddy's bill filed to set aside certain sales of real estate alleged to have been made by the fraud and collusion of the attorneys of the appellees, the appellees having proceeded to foreclose a paper purporting to be a mortgage upon the premises executed by McQuiddy. Mr. Justice Davis delivered the opinion.

No. 293.—*Heine et al. vs. Board of Commissioners of Pottawattamie, Madison, and Carroll.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court for Louisiana.—This was a bill filed to procure an accounting and settlement by the Commissioners with the appellants for certain bonds held by the latter and issued by the former, for the benefit of the parishes named. The bill was dismissed for want of general equity, and the decree is here affirmed. Mr. Justice Miller delivered the opinion, Justices Clifford and Swayne dissenting.

No. 308.—*Arcadi vs. State of Alabama.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court for Alabama.—This was the affirmance of a judgment of the State Court, which held that a law of the State under which Arcadi justified his keeping of a gaming-table, (as agent of parties who claimed to be authorized to establish lotteries, &c.,) was unconstitutional and void, and that he was properly convicted. The justification was that, by advice of counsel, Arcadi continued his game after the repeal of his principal's privilege, he being advised that the act of repeal was unconstitutional, as impairing the contract between the State and his principals. Mr. Justice Swayne delivered the opinion.

No. 289.—*Morgan vs. United States.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court for the District of Louisiana.—This is the affirmance of a decree dismissing the petition of Morgan, as an intervener in a proceeding in confiscation against the property of one Ayegas, of New-Orleans. The Chief Justice delivered the opinion.

No. 288.—*Creighton vs. Kerr et al.*—Error to the Supreme Court of Colorado.—In this case the court affirmed judgments below which was brought here on a question of practice under the laws of the Territory. Mr. Justice Hunt delivered the opinion.

No. 287.—*Osborn vs. United States.*—Error to the Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.—In this case the court held that an agreement between a surety on a distiller's bond and his principal, that the bond should not be delivered until certain liens on the premises should be discharged, so that the lien of the Government for the tax which was to accrue should be valid, did not affect the validity of the bond as regards the latter, the latter having no notice of the stipulation. The Chief Justice delivered the opinion.

No. 230.—*Warren vs. Van Brunt and one other case.*—Error to the Supreme Court of Minnesota.—This was the affirmance of a judgment in favor of Van Brunt, deciding that the title to certain lands in Blue Earth County, Minn., was vested in him, in his own right, and not as Trustee for the use of Warren. The Chief Justice delivered the opinion.

No. 301—*McPhail et al. vs. Lapsley.*—Error to the Circuit Court for the Western District of Texas.—In this case the court affirm a judgment in favor of McPhail and others for a tract of land in McLennon County, Texas, holding that the court below correctly admitted as evidence documents claimed by the defendant here to be a fraudulent power of attorney. Mr. Justice Swayne delivered the opinion.

No. 293.—*The Township of Pine Grove vs. Talcott.*—Error to the Circuit Court for the Western District of Michigan.—This was a suit on bonds issued by the township in aid of the Kalamazoo and South Haven Railroad Company. The defense was that the act of the Legislature authorizing their issue was void, as being in conflict with the Constitution of the State. The court below held the act valid, and gave judgment for the bondholders. That judgment is here affirmed. Mr. Justice Swayne delivered the opinion.

No. 717.—*Board of Commissioners of Boise County vs. Gorman.*—Error to the Supreme Court of Idaho.—Writ of error dismissed with costs.

No. 291.—*Simpson vs. Greeley et al.*—Error to the Supreme Court of Kansas.—Writ of error dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

No. 250.—*Dops Railroad Company vs. Blossburg and Corning Railroad Company.*—Error to the Circuit Court for the Northern District of New-York.—The action was brought by the Blossburg Company to recover of the Dops Company certain moneys alleged to be due under a contract between the latter company and a road known as the Corning and Blossburg Company. The Blossburg Company claiming to have succeeded to all the rights of the Corning and Blossburg Company. The judgment was in their favor, and is here affirmed. Mr. Justice Hunt delivered the opinion, Justices Miller and Strong dissenting.

No. 303.—*Martin vs. United States.*—Appeal from the Court of Claims.—In this case the Court of Claims gave judgment against the claimant on a petition setting forth that the Government had unjustly withheld from him the sum of about $24,000 in an adjustment of his account for the use of the steamer Sylvan Shore, under a charter party made in 1862. This court holds that the judgment correct, and it is affirmed. The Chief Justice delivered the opinion.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 7.—Lake and Rail Imports for the last twenty-four hours—Flour, 17,200 bbls.; Wheat, 59,714 bushels; Corn, 87,189 bushels; Oats, 107,341 bushels. Canal Shipments—Wheat, 54,100 bushels; Corn, 8,350 bushels. Rail Exports—Wheat, 66,000 bushels; Corn, 27,600 bushels; Oats, 28,000 bushels. Quite a large fleet has arrived in the last twenty-four hours. The canal business is beginning to loom up. Flour quiet; Western Spring, $6 75@7 ; Amber, $7@7 25; Amber, $7 50@8; White, $8 25@9. Wheat in light receipts; sales of Red Winter at $1 60; Milwaukee No. 1 Spring, at $1 50@$1 52. Corn moderately active, opening at 1c. decline, closing at 73c.; sales of 15,000 bushels No. 2 Western at 73c.; 18,000 bushels do. at 73c.; Oats quiet; sales of White Toledo, at 60c.; No. 2 Western held at 58c. Barley dull; Canada, $1 70@$1 80; No. 3 Western, $1 50@$1 65. Rye nominal at $1 05. Barley malt firm; Canada, $1 95@2 05; Western, $1 80@$1 90. Other articles unchanged. Canal Freights dull; Wheat, 12c.; Corn, 11c.; Oats, 7c.; Lumber, $6 ($); Hard Wood, $7 25; Staves, $2 50 to New-York. Lumber, $5 25; Hard Wood, $6 25 to Albany.

ST. LOUIS, May 7.—Flour unchanged; small business. Wheat unchanged and dull; sales of No. 2 Spring at $1 27@$1 27½; only sample lots of Fall sold. Corn active and easy at 56c.@56½c. for 2 Mixed, on track and in elevator. Oats inactive, but held firmly at 51½c.@52c. for No. 2, on track. Barley dull and unchanged. Rye steady at 98c. Whisky firm at 93c. Pork strong at $17 25; held higher at close. Dry-salted Meats firm; held higher at close; sales at 6¾c.@6¾c. for Shoulders; 8¾c. for Clear Rib Sides; 9c. for Clear Sides, cash; sales at close of Clear Sides at 9¼c., buyer May. Bulk Meats strong at 7c.@7¼c. for Shoulders; 9¾c. for Clear Rib Sides; 10c. for Clear Sides, cash. Lard firm held; higher; 10c. bid for Summer. Live Hogs firm at $4 75@$5 00. Packers: $5@$5 40 for Bacon; $5 25@$5 75 for Butchers'. Cattle heavy and unchanged at $2 50@$4 75 for Texans; $2 25@$4 25 for native Cows and Heifers; $3@$6 00 for prime to choice Steers. Receipts—5,000 bbls. Flour, 14,000 bushels Wheat, 61,000 bushels Corn, 26,000 bushels Oats, 2,000 bushels Barley, 1,000 bushels Rye, 3,500 Hogs, 1,100 Cattle.

CHICAGO, May 7.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet and weak at $1 25 for No. 1 Spring; $1 24½ for No. 2 do., cash or May; $1 25½ June; No. 3 do., $1 19@$1 19½; Rejected, $1 12. Corn in fair demand and higher at 63¾c.@63¾c. for No. 2 Mixed, spot; 64¾c.@64¾c., June; 65¾c., bid, July; Rejected, 61½c.@61¾c. Oats active and higher at 48c.@48¼c., cash; 48¾c., June. Rye advanced and in fair demand at 93c. for No. 2. Barley dull and drooping; sales of No. 2 at 1 42 for No. 2 Spring; $1 08@$1 10 for No. 3 do. Whisky steady at 94c. Provisions excited. Pork sold at $16 50, spot; $16 55, June. Lard steady for spot at $10 20; easier for Sales at $10 20, June; $10 30, July. Bulk Meats steady at 6c. for Shoulders; $8 70 bid for Short Rib Middles. Freights—An advance asked, but none established; nominally unchanged. Receipts—7,000 bbls. Flour, 74,000 bushels Wheat, 121,000 bushels Corn, 44,000 bushels Oats, and 3,000 bushels Barley. Shipments—10,000 bbls. Flour, 120,000 bushels Wheat, 205,000 bushels Corn, 57,000 bushels Oats, 1,000 bushels Rye, and 4,000 bushels Barley.

OSWEGO, N. Y., May 7.—Flour steady and in moderate demand; sales of 1,800 bbls. at $7 75 for No. 1 Spring, $8 75 for Amber Winter, $9 25 for White Winter, $9 75 for Double Extra. Wheat scarce; sales of 1,400 bushels No. 1 Milwaukee Club at $1 58; 1,000 bushels No. 1 Red Wabash at $1 70; 1,000 bushels White State at $1 75; 1,000 bushels Extra White Michigan at $1 85. Corn steady; with a fair demand; sales of $6,300 bushels at 83c. Barley quiet. Corn-meal, $1 75 for Bolted; $1 70 for Unbolted. Rye dull and unchanged; Shorts, $27; Ship-stuffs, $28; Middlings, $30 ₱ ton. Canal Freights—Wheat, 8c.; Corn, 7½c. to New-York. Lumber, $3 25 to the Hudson, $3 75 to Newburg, $4 to New-York. Railroad Freights—Flour to Boston, 50c.; to New-York, 40c.; to Albany, 36c. Lake Receipts—1,517,000 feet Lumber. Canal Shipments—31,700 bushels Wheat, 3,000 bushels Corn, 7,700 bushels Peas, 2,463,000 feet Lumber.

TOLEDO, May 7.—Flour steady. Wheat steady; extra White Michigan, $1 58; Amber Michigan, $1 47½, spot; $1 50, June; Red No. 1, $1 57; No. 2 Red, $1 45. Corn firm and in fair demand; High Mixed, 74c.@74½c., spot; 71½c., May; 70c., June; 71½c., August. Low Mixed, 70c.; no grade, 71c.; damaged, 68c. Oats firm and in fair demand at 55c. for No. 2; 55c. for Michigan. Freights dull; one charter to Oswego 6c. Receipts—7,000 bushels Wheat, 2,000 bushels Corn, 4,000 bushels Oats. Shipments—1,000 bbls. Flour, 32,000 bushels Wheat, 8,000 bushels Corn.

CINCINNATI, May 7.—Flour steady. Wheat easier, at $1 45@$1 46. Corn firm, at 72c.@75c. Oats steady, at 50c.@58c. Rye steady, at $1 03. Barley steady. Provisions firm. Butter dull and declining; choice, 28c.@30c. Pork quiet but firm, at $17 50. Lard quiet but firm; sales of current make, loose, at 10c.; kettle, 10¾c. @10¾c. Bulk Meats firm; Shoulders, 6½c.; Clear Rib Sides, 8¾c.; Clear Sides, 8½ 20. Bacon steady; Shoulders, $6 87½@$6 90; Clear Rib Sides, 9¾c.; Clear Sides, 9¾c.@10c. Whisky firmer and higher, at 93c.

MILWAUKEE, May 7.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet and weak; No. 1, $1 31; No. 2, $1 27½, spot and June. Oats firm at 47c. for No. 2. Corn active; No. 2 Mixed, 63½c. Rye firm at 90½c. for No. 1. Barley steady; No. 2 Spring, $1 62; No. 3 do., $1 35. Provisions quiet but firm. Lard scarce. Kettle, 10¾c. steam, 10c. Receipts—9,000 bbls. Flour, 111,000 bushels Wheat. Shipments—7,000 bbls. Flour, 241,000 bushels Wheat.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 7.—Nothing doing in Wheat. Rye steady. Corn higher, with pretty good demand; sales of five cars Western White, Low Mixed, and Mixed of all grades at 89c.@90c.; Old, to arrive by canal, held at 88c. Nothing doing in Barley or Malt. Oats in active request at the advanced prices; sales of five cars No. 2 Mixed State and Western at 66c.; one car White State at 68c.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 7.—Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat in good demand and lower; choice White, $1 85; Rio to prime do., $1 65@$1 80; choice Amber, $1 80@$1 83; good to prime Red, $1 75@$1 78; common to fair do., $1 60@$1 70; Pennsylvania Red, $1 74@$1 77; Indiana and Ohio do., $1 55@$1 65; Western Spring, $1 50@$1 53. Corn steady and in good demand; Southern White at 83c.@86c.; Southern Yellow, 85c.@87c.; Western Mixed, old, 86c.@87c.; new, 84c.@85c. Oats dull; Southern, 63c.@66c.; Western Mixed, 59c.; do. White, 60c.@61c. Rye quiet at $1@$1 05. Hay unchanged. Provisions—Mess Pork, firm, at $17 50. Bulk Meats—Shoulders, 6¾c.@6¾c.; Clear Rib Sides, 9c.@9¼c. Bacon—Shoulders, 7¾c.; Clear Rib Sides, 10c.@10½c. Sugar-cured Hams, 14c.@15c. Lard firm at 10½c.@10¾c. Western Butter active; receipts moderate at 34c.@35c. Coffee unchanged. Whisky dull at 90½c.@98c.

LOUISVILLE, May 7.—Flour unchanged. Wheat unchanged. Corn unchanged and quiet at 80c.@82c. Oats firmer at 65c. Rye sold at $1 10. Provisions quiet. Pork firmer at $17 50. Bacon—Shoulders, 7¼c.; Sides, 10c.@10½c. Hams—Sugar-cured, 13c.; plain, 11¾c. Bulk Meats—Shoulders, 6¼c.; Sides, 9¾c.@9¾c. Lard—Tierce, 11c.; Keg, 11¼c. Whisky sold at 93c.

DETROIT, May 7.—Flour quiet and unchanged at $7 50@$7 75. Wheat steady; Extra, $1 88½; No. 1 White, $1 80½@$1 81. Corn steady at 75c. Oats in good demand at 55c. Receipts—1,000 bbls. Flour, 4,000 bushels Wheat, 2,000 bushels Oats. Shipments—2,000 bushels Wheat, 3,000 bushels Corn, 1,000 bushels Oats.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—Petroleum very dull; Refined, 15¾c., spot and May; Crude, 11c. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat quiet and steady; Red, $1 55@$1 70; Amber, $1 78@$1 80. Rye, 98c. Corn less active; Yellow, 87c.; Mixed, 85c.@86c. Oats steady; White, 64c.@66c.; Red, 61c.@62c. Whisky 98c.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 7.—Spirits Turpentine quiet at 36½c.; Resin steady at $2 25 for Strained; Crude Turpentine steady at $1 85 for hard; $2 85 for Yellow Dip; $3 50 for Virgin. Tar steady at $2.

CLEVELAND, May 7.—Flour unchanged. Wheat unchanged. Petroleum steady; Standard White, in car lots, 12¾c.@13c.; State Test, 15¾c.@16c.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

BUFFALO, May 7.—Cattle—Receipts to-day, including 18 cars reported to arrive, 1,649 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 8,384 head, or 492 cars, against 477 cars for the same time last week; market slow but firm at yesterday's prices; from arrivals generally through consignments; but few buyers in attendance; sales of 275 Illinois Steers, ranging from 919 to 1,226 lbs., at $5 12½@$6; 183 Iowa Steers, averaging 1,217 lbs., at $6; 16 Michigan Oxen, averaging 1,300 lbs., at $5; 20 Ohio Stockers, averaging 860 lbs., at $5. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts to-day, 600 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 7,600, against 5,400 for the same time last week; market slow at yesterday's prices; all offerings disposed of; sales of 450 Ohio wooled Sheep, ranging from 92 lbs. to 95 lbs., at $6 50@$6 90; 700 Ohio clipped Sheep, ranging from 88 lbs. to 110 lbs., at $6 87½@$7 75; 80 Ohio Lambs, averaging 67 lbs., at $7 25. Hogs—Receipts to-day, including reported arrivals, 1,500 head, making the total supply for the week thus far, 17,500, against 18,700 for the same time last week; market more active; prices drooping; Yorkers, $5@$5 50; bulk sales at $5 25; heavy Hogs, $5 50@$6 75.

CHICAGO, May 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500 head; market more active, and prices steadier at yesterday's decline; fair Steers selling at $3@$3 30; good to really choice, $3 50@$6; Extra, $6 12½@$6 25; Stockers, $3 75@$4 75; Cows and Heifers, $2@$3 75. Hogs—Receipts, 16,000 head; market moderately active at yesterday's decline, but business mainly confined to best grades; good to choice selling at $5 50@$5 90; medium lots, $5 30@$5 40; common, $5@$5 25; inferior assortments, 2,000 head. Sheep firm and active at full previous prices; receipts, 800.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 7.—Cattle more active; middle and lower grades 12½c. higher; very best on sale due to-day, 6½c.@7c.; fair to good, 5½c.@6c.; medium or good fair, 4½c.@5c.; common, 3½c.@4c. Hogs in fair demand at 7½c.@8¼c.; receipts, 8,800. Sheep in fair demand at 5c.@7c. for sheared; 6c.@8c. for wool; receipts, 2,500.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

NEW-ORLEANS, May 7.—Cotton firm, good demand; Middling, 17¾c.; net receipts, 67 bales; gross, 779 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 1,450 bales; to the Continent, 2,222 bales; coastwise, 900 bales; stock, 103,926 bales. Receipts this evening, 1,650 bales; stock, 103,926 bales.

CHARLESTON, May 7.—Cotton firm; Middling, 16¾c.; Low Middling, 16¾c.@16¾c.; Good Ordinary, 15¾c.@16c.; net receipts, 325 bales; exports coastwise, 1,442 bales; sales, 400 bales; stock, 13,197 bales.

BALTIMORE, May 7.—Cotton quiet; Middling, 17¾c.; Low Middling, 16¾c.@16¾c.; Good Ordinary, 15¾c.; gross receipts, 61 bales; exports coastwise, 95 bales; sales, 74 bales; last evening, 411 bales; stock, 10,344 bales.

SAVANNAH, May 7.—Cotton firm; Middling, 16¾c.; net receipts, 179 bales; gross, 179 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 2,402 bales; coastwise, 210 bales; sales, 436 bales; stock, 62,627 bales.

GALVESTON, May 7.—Cotton dull and irregular; Good Ordinary, 15¾c.; net receipts, 455 bales; sales, 65 bales; stock, 21,932 bales.

MEMPHIS, May 7.—Cotton quiet; Low Middling, 16¼c.@16¾c.; receipts, 300 bales; shipments, 337 bales; stock, 62,627 bales.

BOSTON, May 7.—Cotton quiet and nominal; Middling, 17¾c.; exports to Great Britain, 64 bales; sales, 150 bales; stock, 8,000 bales.

MOBILE, May 7.—Cotton quiet and unchanged; Middling, 16¾c.; net receipts, 134 bales; sales, 500 bales; stock, 28,126 bales.

WILMINGTON, May 7.—Cotton quiet; Middling, 16¾c.; net receipts, 36 bales; stock, 1,491 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, May 7—12:30 P. M.—Erie Railway Shares, 31½@31¾.

2 P. M.—Erie Railway Shares, 32.

3:30 P. M.—The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £365,000 during the past week. The proportion of the bank reserve to liabilities is 35⅞ cent. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the bank on balance to-day is £222,000. Erie Railway Shares, 32¾.

5 P. M.—Consols, for money, 93 3-16@93⅜; for account, 93 5-16@93⅝. American 5-20 Bonds, 1865, old, 107; New 5s, 104½. Erie Railway Shares, 32¼@32½; do. Preferred, 52½.

FRANKFORT, May 7.—United States 5-20 Bonds, 98⅜ for the issue of 1862.

PARIS, May 7—P. M.—The specie in the Bank of France has increased 18,926,000f. during the past week. Rentes, 59f. 50c.

LIVERPOOL, May 7—12:30 P. M.—Cotton—The market is firm; Middling Uplands, 8¾d.@8¾d.; Middling Orleans, 8¾d.@8¾d.; sales, 12,000 bales, including 6,000 bales for speculation and export. Sales on the basis of Middling Uplands, nothing below Good Ordinary, delivarable July and August, at 8¾c.; do., nothing below Low Middlings, deliverable July and August, at 8¾c.; do., nothing below Low Middlings, deliverable June and July, at 8¾c.; do. do., deliverable May, at 8¾d.; do. do., deliverable June and July, at 8¾d.; sales of Upland, deliveries of the new crop, nothing below Good Ordinary, at 8 11-16d. Privileges—Lard, 48s. 6d. ₱ cwt.

LONDON, May 7—3:30 P. M.—Tallow, 38s. 3d.@38s. 6d. ₱ cwt.

Evening.—Common Resin, 7s. 3d. ₱ cwt. Linseed-oil, £28 6s. ₱ ton. Spirits Turpentine, 30s. ₱ cwt.

ANTWERP, May 7.—Petroleum, 32½f. for fine Pale American.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

FIRST REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

of New-York,

Madison av. and 47th st.,

SUNDAY, MAY 10.

Sabbath-school at 9 A. M.

Morning service, with sermon, by Right Rev. Bishop CUMMINS, and holy communion at 10:30 A. M. Evening service, with sermon, by the Rector, Rev. WM. T. SABINE, at 7:45 P. M. Strangers cordially invited.

THE PEW COMMITTEE

of the Vestry of the First Reformed Episcopal Church will be in attendance SATURDAY, May 9, from 5 to 9 P. M., for the renting of pews and sittings, a few desirable seats remaining unrented.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK against THE FIRST MANHATTAN CO-OPERATIVE BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed the Receiver of all the property, moneys, and effects of the First Manhattan Co-operative Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Association of New-York, and that:

1. All persons indebted to such association are required by the sixth (6th) day of June, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of the undersigned, as Receiver of said association, at No. 31 Spruce street, in the City of New-York, to render an account of all debts and sums of money owing by them respectively to said Receiver and to pay the same.

2. All persons having in their possession any property or effects of said association are required to deliver the same to the said Receiver by the day above appointed.

3. All creditors of said association are required to deliver their respective accounts and demands to the said Receiver by the sixth (6th) day of June next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

4. All persons holding any open or subsisting contract of such association are required to present the same to said Receiver on the sixth (6th) day of June next, at his office, No. 31 Spruce street, in the City of New-York, in writing and in detail.

5. And a general meeting of the creditors of such association will be held on the sixth (6th) day of June, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Receiver's office, No. 31 Spruce street, New-York City, where all demands for and against such association, and all its open and subsisting contracts will be ascertained and adjusted, as far as may be, and the amount of moneys in the hands of the Receiver declared.

Dated NEW-YORK, Feb. 24, 1874.

GEORGE S. STUDWELL,
Receiver of the First Manhattan Co-operative Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Association.

SAMUEL H. RANDALL, Attorney for George S. Studwell, Receiver, No. 239 Broadway, New-York City.

REMOVALS.

NEW-YORK, May 1, 1874.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE REMOVED THEIR law offices from No. 6 Hanover st. to No. 57 Broadway, entrance, Room No. 21, third story, front.

C. VAN SANTVOORD,
ABM. VAN SANTVOORD.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

WANTED—TO BUY A COUNTRY STORE WITHIN one hundred and fifty miles of New-York City. Address C. MAYER, Box No. 129 *Times* Office.

FOR SALE—A FRUIT STAND IN THE BASEMENT of No. 646 3d av.

PAINT BRUSHES, KALSOMINE AND VARNISH brushes; also, brushes of every description, at 335 Fearist. JOHN E. HOPPEL, Manufacturer and Importer

SAUCES.

TRADE-MARK

WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

JOHN W. LEA et al. against SUNDRY COUNTERFEITERS.

"When it is apparent that there is an intention to deceive the public by the use of the name of a place and the word descriptive of an article, such deception will not be protected by the pretense that these words cannot be used in such manner as to constitute a 'trade mark.'

Where words and the allocation of words have, by long use, become known as designating the article of a particular manufacturer, he acquires a right to them as a trade-mark, which competing dealers can not fraudulently invade.

The essence of the wrong is the false representation and deceit, on proof of which an injunction will issue."

The Concluding Words of the Judges' Decision are:

"The order appealed from should be modified and the injunction extended so as to prohibit the use of the words 'Worcestershire Sauce' on the bills, labels, and wrappers of the defendant."

LEA & PERRINS'

CELEBRATED

PRONOUNCED BY CONNOISSEURS TO BE THE "ONLY GOOD SAUCE,"

EXTRACT of a LETTER from a MEDICAL GENTLEMAN at Madras, to his brother at WORCESTER, May, 1851.

"Tell LEA & PERRINS that their Sauce is highly esteemed in India, and is, in my opinion, the most palatable as well as the most wholesome Sauce that is made."

And applicable to EVERY VARIETY OF DISH.

Worcestershire Sauce.

Sold Wholesale and for Exportation by the Proprietors, LEA & PERRINS, Worcester, England; and Retail by Dealers in Sauces generally throughout the World.

ASK FOR LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE.

All parties infringing on the above will be prosecuted by Messrs. LEA & PERRINS.

JOHN DUNCAN'S SONS,
NEW-YORK.

AUCTION SALES.

JERE. JOHNSON, JR., Auctioneer.—General Sales-room, No. 37 Nassau st.—Real Estate Department, No. 21 Park row.

EXTENSIVE SALE OF HOUSEHOLD AND OFFICE FURNITURE.

ON THIS DAY, (Friday,)
JERE. JOHNSON, JR.,
will sell at his General Sales-room, No. 37 Nassau st., a very large assortment of household furniture, comprising in part—very rich mahogany inlaid suits, Wilton, Brussels, and ingrain carpets, oil-cloths, mirrors, extension-tables, beds and bedding, brocatel and lace curtains, sofa bedstead, lounges, dressing bureaus, wardrobes, wash-stands, and mirrors.

The above sale comprises the furniture of two private dwellings.

Also

fifty clocks, being the balance of an imported stock.

Also

seventy-five carpets of every grade.

BANKRUPTCY SALE OF FURNISHING AND FANCY GOODS, SMALL WARES, &c.—United States District Court, Southern District of New-York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of L. GOTTSCHALK, bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction on TUESDAY, the 19th day of May, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., by H. Field, auctioneer, at No. 89 Bowery, in the City of New-York, in said district, a lot of ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, fancy goods, small wares, &c., late the stock in trade of the above-named bankrupt.—New-York, May 8, 1874.

JOHN H. PLATT, Assignee,
No. 40 Wall street, New-York.

AUCTION SALE.

Will be sold at public auction, on FRIDAY, May 8, 1874, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Corporation Yard, foot of Gansevoort street, North River, a quantity of marble, brown stone, second-hand carts, wagons, sleighs, and other articles, and, upon conclusion of the sale, similar articles, (also, a second-hand railroad iron,) will be sold at the yard, foot of Hubbard street, East River. For full particulars see *City Record*; copies for sale No. 2 City Hall.

FURNITURE.

T. G. SELLEW,

DESKS,

OFFICE AND LIBRARY FURNITURE

No. 103 Fulton St.,

NEW-YORK.

BANKS AND OFFICES FITTED UP.

FINE CYLINDER DESKS.

WEEKLY OR MONTHLY PAYMENTS for FURNITURE, CARPETS, and BEDDING, at B. M. COWPERTHWAITE & CO.'S, Nos. 155 and 157 Chatham st. An immense stock and low prices.

FOR SALE—TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED WOODEN chairs, the same having been replaced by opera chairs. Inquire at P. T. Barnum's Roman Hippodrome—General Office.

ZERO REFRIGERATOR, WITH WATER, WINE, and milk cooler; best food and ice keeper in the world; excellent for French Flats; send for book; refrigerators repaired. A. M. LESLEY, 224 West 23d st.

MISFIT CARPETS.—GOOD SECOND-HAND AND misfit carpets a specialty; all sizes, rich patterns, very cheap. 112 Fulton st., near Nassau, side entrance.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHLORYDYNE.—THE MOST WONDERFUL REMedy ever discovered. Caution and advice to invalids. Beware of spurious imitations of Dr. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORYDYNE, the original and only genuine; the best, safest, and most effectual remedy for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Consumption, Asthma, Diarrhea, Colic, Cramp, Neuralgia.

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TIMBER, PILES, DOCK LOGS.

PHELPS & KIMPLAND,
Dealers in
Timber, Piles, Dock Logs, Spars, &c.
Dock building materials and foundation piles a specialty.
Office and Timber Yards, corner Hamilton av. and Clinton st., South Brooklyn, N. Y.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The continuation and closing-out sale of the Hoit estate property at the Exchange, yesterday, by A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, again drew out a large attendance of investors and others, and the balance of the lots, some seventy in number, were all disposed of at good figures, although the prices averaged a little lower than those realized last week. A detailed report of the sales, with names of purchasers, is appended. The same auctioneers also sold at public auction four tull lots on Tenth avenue, south-west corner of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, for $3,350 each, to A. C. Dowdney. In addition to the above auctions, the following business was transacted by other auctioneers:

Lespinasse & Friedman sold at public auction the three-story and basement brick and brown-stone house, 24 by 48, with lot 73.10 feet deep, No. 364 West Twenty-third street, south side, 51.10 feet east of Ninth avenue, to Moses B. Taylor, for $19,650.

Dingee, Porter & Co. sold also at public auction a four-story and basement Nova Scotia-stone-front house, 20 by 50, with lot 99.11 feet deep, situate on West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, south side, 80 feet west of Seventh avenue, to Adam Finck, for $14,000. The same firm also offered at public auction four four-story brick tenement-houses and lots on One Hundred and Fifteenth street, 150 feet west of First avenue, two of which were knocked down at $11,900 each, but not sold, and the other two withdrawn. The sale of eight lots on Washington avenue, south-west corner of One Hundred and Seventieth street, Morrisania, was adjourned to Tuesday of next week.

Wm. Kennelly adjourned the legal sale of two houses and lots on West Forty-second street, west of Ninth avenue, to the 14th inst.

A. H. Muller & Son sold at public auction a farm of twenty-eight acres of land, with farm buildings, &c., thereon, located at Sing Sing, Westchester County, known as the "Miller Farm," for $5,208, or at the rate of $186 per acre. The purchaser of the property was Peter Daly. Nothing further worthy report occurred.

C. S. Peck & Co. report the sale at private contract of the four-story and basement brown-stone-front house, 25 by 60, with lot 100 feet deep, on Lexington avenue, south-east corner of Fifty-second street, owned by Wm. F. Howe, for $42,500; also, the sale of the residence of the late Thomas F. Way, located at Astoria, Long Island, for $30,000.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

The sales announced for to-day are as follows:

By A. H. Muller & Son, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Avery T. Brown, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land, 116.11 by 295, on First avenue, south-east corner of Ninety-seventh street, with right to land under water in front of plot; also similar sale, Wm. S. Hascall, Esq., Referee, of a lot twenty-five feet front on Smeeman street, north side, one hundred feet west of Morris avenue, Mott Haven.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Stephen J. Hallack, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick stable with lot 25 by 100, No. 134 West Forty-ninth street, south side, 450 feet west of Sixth avenue; building nearly covers lot.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale of three houses, with lots each 17.6 by 102.2, on East Seventy-eighth street, south side, 212.6 feet east of Second avenue.

EXCHANGE SALES, THURSDAY, MAY 7.

NEW-YORK.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White.
(Mott Estate.)

8 lots, Nos. 122 to 127, West 95th st., s. s., 89.9 ft. e. of Riverside Boulevard, each 25x100.8; W. A. Bigelow, $3,175 each..... $19,050
8 lots, Nos. 116 to 121, West 95th st., n. s., adjoining above, each same size; B. Fellman, $3,075 each..... 18,450
4 lots, Nos. 112 to 115, West 95th st., s. s., adjoining above, each same size; same buyer, $3,350 each..... 13,400
1 lot, No. 128, Riverside Boulevard, n. e. corner of 95th st., 27.2x about 119; L. Friedman.... 11,000
3 lots, Nos. 129, 130, and 131, Riverside Boulevard, e. s., adjoining above, each 27.2x about 108; S. N. Schaffer, $8,050 each..... 24,140
1 lot, No. 132, Riverside Boulevard, e. s., adjoining above, 27.2x about 125; E. K. Higgins.. 3,950
2 lots, Nos. 133 and 134, Riverside Boulevard, e. s., adjoining above, each 27.2x about 112; same buyer, $7,750 each..... 15,500
1 lot, No. 135, Riverside Boulevard, s. e. corner of 96th st., adjoining above, 27.2x about 97; same buyer..... 10,850
1 lot, No. 136 West 95th st., n. s., 123 ft. e. of Riverside Boulevard, 25x75.6; S. N. Schaffer. 3,900
1 lot, No. 137 West 95th st., n.s., adjoining above, 25x100; Matthew Ray..... 3,700
1 lot, No. 138 West 95th st., n.s., adjoining above, same size; E. S. Higgins..... 3,300
1 lot, No. 139 West 95th st., n.s., adjoining above, same size; same buyer..... 3,500
3 lots, Nos. 140, 141, and 142 West 95th st., n. s., adjoining above, each same size; A. Bornheimer, $3,575 each..... 10,725
2 lots, Nos. 143 and 144 West 95th st., n. s., adjoining above, each same size; same buyer, $3,300 each..... 6,600
3 lots, Nos. 145, 146, and 147 West 95th st., n.s., adjoining above, each same size; E. S. Higgins, $3,300 each..... 9,900
3 lots, Nos. 148, 149, and 150 West 95th st., n.s., adjoining above, each same size; same buyer, $3,100 each..... 9,300
1 gore lot, No. 151 West 95th st., n. s., adjoining above, 24.7x100.8x6.8x102.4; same buyer.... 2,050
1 lot, No. 164 West 96th st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Riverside Boulevard, 25x100.8; E. S. Higgins. 6,400
1 lot, No. 163 West 96th st., s. s., adjoining above, same size; A. Bornheimer..... 5,100
2 lots, Nos. 162 and 161 West 96th st., s. s., adjoining above, each same size; same buyer, $4,500 each..... 9,000
3 lots, Nos. 160, 159, and 158 West 96th st., s. s., adjoining above, each same size; same buyer, $4,100 each..... 12,300
3 lots, Nos. 157, 156, and 155 West 96th st., s. s., adjoining above, each same size; E. S. Higgins, $4,100 each..... 12,300
2 lots, Nos. 154 and 153 West 96th st., s. s., adjoining above, each same size; same buyer, $4,720 each..... 8,450
1 gore lot, No. 152 West 96th st., s. s., adjoining above, 13.5x100.8x31.6x102.4; same buyer. 3,300
1 water lot, No. 165 12th av., s. w. corner of 96th st., 25.2x100; E. Higgins..... 4,100
5 water lots, Nos. 168 to 170 12th av., n. e., 25.2 ft. s. of 96th st., adjoining above, each same size; same buyer, $2,725 each..... 13,625
1 water lot, No. 171 12th av., s. e., adjoining above, same size; same buyer..... 2,300
1 water plot, No. 172 12th av., n. w. corner 95th st., adjoining above, same size; same buyer..... 2,800
1 water lot, No. 173 12th av., s. w. corner 95th st., 25.2x100; H. A. Sweet..... 2,550
6 water lots, Nos. 174 to 179 12th av., west side, adjoining above, each same size; same buyer; $1,500 each..... 9,000
1 water lot, No. 180 12th av., n. w. corner 94th st., adjoining above, same size; same buyer.... 2,200
1 water lot, No. 181 12th av., s. w. corner 94th st., 25.2x100; John H. Fower..... 1,800
1 water lot, No. 182 12th av., w. s., adjoining above, 30.6x100; S. Whitemore..... 1,500

On Another Account.

4 lots, 10th av., s. w. corner of 121st st., together, in size 100.11x100, $3,360 each.....$13,340

By Lespinasse & Friedman.

1 three-story and basement brick and brown-stone house and lot, No. 364 West 23d st., s. s., 51.10 ft. e. of 9th av., lot 24x73.10, house 48 ft. deep..... $19,650

By Dingee, Porter & Co.

1 four-story and basement Nova Scotia-stone front house and lot, West 127th st., s. s., 80 ft. w. of 7th av., lot 20x99.11, house 50 ft. deep $14,000

BROOKLYN.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White.
(Mott Estate.)

1 plot, Montgomery st., corner of Albany av., 63.9x114.10x39.1x117.3..... $725

SING SING, WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

By A. H. Muller & Son.

1 farm containing 28 acres, on turnpike 1¼ miles from Mitchell Pond, known as the "Miller farm," $186 per acre..... $5,208

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Wednesday, May 6.

Clinton st., No. 151, w. s., 148.11 ft. n. of Grand st., 24.7x100.1..... $10,000
Liberty st., No. 2, s. w. s., 121.6 ft. s. e. of William st., 30x76.3..... 30,000
Platt st., No. 26, s. s., store lot, 36.6x153x84.9.. 12,000
Ridge st., w. s., 75 ft. s. of Delancey st., 25x50.. 4,200
West st., e. s., 41 ft. s. of Hammond st., 23x29. 10,000
Same property, half part..... 2,500
York st., e. s., 268 ft. w. of 1st av., 20x92..... 13,250
27th st., No. 424 West, s. s., 475 ft. e. of 10th av., 25x¼ block..... 4,000
37th st., s. s., 150 ft. e. of 10th av., 25x98.9.... 9,660
41st st., s. s., 105 ft. e. of 4th av., 25x98.9..... 12,000
45d st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of 10th av., 25x100.5... 5,500
49th st., n. s., 143.9 ft. e. of 5th av., 18.9x100.5 s. s., 130.8 ft. w. of 9th av., 18.11x100.5..... 39,000
49th st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of 11th av., 75x100.11.. 7,000
110th st., n. s., 525 ft. e. of Boulevard, (11th av.,) 25x99.11..... 15,000
127th st., s. s., 166.3 ft. w. of 5th av., 18.9x99.11..... 5,525
144 st., s. s., 575 ft. e. of Willis av., 25x100, Morrisania..... 18,000
Fairmount av., lot No. 28, map of Morrisania, 100x200..... 1,100
Mountain road, centre line, 60 ft. n. of 208th st., thence west to w. s. of said Mountain road, thence s. 11 west 485.4 ft. to Hudson River, thence northerly along river 263.3 ft. to 209th st., thence east 533 ft., thence south 199.11 ft., to beginning, containing 2 310-1000 acres. 15,000

Leases Recorded.

Broadway, w. s., 23 1 ft. s. of 10th st., 23.1x97.4, twenty-one years, per year..... $3,250
25th st., s. s., 160.8 ft. w. of Broadway, 25x98.9, forty-two years, per year..... 1,200
Bowery, Nos. 291 and 293, six years, per year.. 20,400
54th st., No. 361 West, one year, per year..... 3,000
8th av., No. 380, four years, per year..... 1,500

CITY REAL ESTATE.

HOUSTON STREET.

FOR SALE—A VALUABLE PLOT OF GROUND, situated in the central part of the City, embracing about one acre. See diagram. Apply to SAMUEL WILLETS, No. 903 Pearl st.

HARLEM.—FOR SALE—COTTAGES, BRICK AND brown-stone dwellings near boat and cars. P. RUSH, 124th st. and 3d av., Savings Bank Building.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

AT $10 MONTHLY OR $200 DOWN AND BALance in three years, (suit yourself,) a Flushing Park lot; prices from $600 to $800, which include elegant shade and ornamental trees, stone sidewalks, excellent schools and church privileges, (10 churches,) fine boating and bathing, splendid drives; seven railroad depots; 150 trains daily from 6 A.M. till 12:15 P.M.; fare, 8 cents. Take James Slip Ferry at foot Chambers st.; or Thirty-fourth Street Ferry, and go to HITCHCOCK'S Land office, opposite Main Street Depot, in Flushing, or call for maps at HITCHCOCK'S Real Estate Head-quarters, on 3d av., corner 26th st.

TO MANUFACTURERS AND BUILDERS.—For sale to close an estate, a very desirable estate of 950 acres, located in Burlington County, bordering on Ocean County, N. J., adjacent to the most productive lands in the State. Excellent mill building and water power, thirteen tenant-houses, store, and mansion-house, with grounds and lawn handsomely laid out and shaded. From 80 to 100 acres under high state of cultivation. Handsome two-story frame dwelling and out-buildings, fine barn, coopers' and blacksmiths' shops, two storage-houses, &c. Location perfectly healthy and convenient to railroad. HOMER MORGAN, 2 Pine st.

$50 MONTHLY WILL ENABLE YOU TO BUY AN elegant French roof dwelling, with thirteen rooms, five minutes' walk from depot, at Flushing, or pay $500 down and balance in five years. Why throw away money for rent when what you now pay will enable you to own your home? Ten churches, excellent schools, sewerage, gas, and water; 120 trains daily, fare eight cents. Call and examine photograph views at HITCHCOCK'S Real Estate Head-quarters, 3d av., corner 26th st.

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RYE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY.—FOR SALE or to let by the year or season, a dwelling-house, beautifully situated on the boulevard, about ten minutes' walk from the New-Haven Railroad Station at Harrison; the grounds, ornamentally laid out, contain a great variety of fruit-trees, graperies, greenhouse, and spacious stables; the house has drawing-rooms, library, bath-room, &c.; price low; terms easy. Apply to C. MINOR & L. R. JAQUES, No. 26 Chambers st.

FOR SALE—AN ELEGANT COUNTRY RESIDENCE, at the head of Winthrop Cove, at New-London, Conn., consisting of a fine, commodious residence, six acres, beautifully shaded with many large old trees; out-buildings, numerous and first class; on the property are a lake, waterfall and mill. Price $35,000; or for the mansion, out-buildings, and lawn, $30,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

A BEAUTIFUL SITE ON THE HUDSON, at Tarrytown; a modern-built brick house, with every improvement; piazzas surround the house with magnificent views, fine lawn, and fruit of all kinds, together with coach-house and groom's room; will be sold low with immediate possession. JOHN C. GRAFF, No. 294 Broadway.

ON THE HUDSON.—ELEGANT COUNTRY SEAT and farm of 334 acres; stone mansion, commanding fine river and mountain views; stone tenant house, gardener's cottage, and other out-buildings; the place will be sold entire or subdivided, cheap for cash, or exchange for City property on a cash basis. JACOB SHARPE, No. 149 Broadway.

A VERY DESIRABLE COUNTRY RESIDENCE completely furnished, will be sold for less than $20,000, or leased for a term of years; water, furnace, gas; a superior sea-bathing; two hours distant by rail. See photographs and particulars at office D. H. ANTHONY, No. 58 William, near Wall st.

FOR SALE—AT DUNDEE LAKE, PATERSON; house new; three-story Mansard, slate roof; all modern improvements; ground high and dry, overlooking the lake; at the station, with frequent trains, and low commutation; terms easy. H. WATKINS, No. 96 Liberty st.

ON THE SOUND.—A CHARMING RURAL SPOT, good soil, location healthful, inexhaustible supply of good, pure water, for sale; choice stock; horses, carriages, farming utensils, house furniture; boating, yachting, and wild fowl abundant. X. Y. Z., Box No. 1,397 Post Office.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; agreat variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER S. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner of Main and Cove streets.

ORANGE, N. J.—REAL ESTATE, SALE OR RENT, furnished and unfurnished. Also desirable property to exchange. I. H. GLERY, No. 39 Nassau st. Office hours, 1 to 3.

AT ORANGE, N. J.—HAMILTON & WALLIS offer full variety property for sale and rent, furnished or unfurnished. Offices opposite Orange Depot and No. 10 Pine st.

FOR SALE CHEAP—AT NYACK, TO CLOSE OUT an estate, four acres of land with house; 240 feet river front. Inquire of D. J. BLAUVELT, Nyack, N. Y.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO RENT—FOR ONE OR MORE YEARS, THE country seat of N. P. Bailey, on Fordham Heights, for the past eight years occupied by William C. Wetmore, Esq.; the grounds are extensive, and command beautiful views of the Harlem and North Rivers; a large mansion with all the modern conveniences, including water and gas; gate-house, stable and carriage-house, greenhouse and grapery; large garden well stocked with all varieties of fruits; one mile from Fordham Depot, on Harlem Railroad, half a mile from Kings's Bridge Depot, on Hudson River Railroad, and half a mile from steam-boat landing on Harlem River. Apply to H. H. CAMMANN, No. 25 Pine st.

TO LET AT BEDFORD—A FURNISHED STONE cottage, containing a large drawing-room and dining-room, six bedrooms, five servants' rooms; piazza on two sides of the house; stables and carriage-house; grapery and vegetable garden; house stands on high land; very beautiful and extensive view, large lawn, fine old trees; the place adjoins the farm of John Jay, Esq.; one hour and twenty minutes to Katonah Station by express trains Harlem Railroad. Apply to WM. H. SCHIEFFELIN, No. 170 William st.

TO RENT—PARTLY FURNISHED, A LARGE MANsion-house, with carriage-house, stables, &c., and seven acres of land, with fine kitchen garden, great abundance of fruits, and flowers of all kinds, within five minutes' drive of the ferry at Port Chester, and one hour from 42d st.; splendid view of the Sound; immediate possession; this is one of the very choicest residences on the Sound. Apply to W. K. PEYTON, No. 272 Broadway.

TO LET—ON THE PALISADES, SEVEN MILES from City Hall, a beautiful residence with all modern improvements, eighteen rooms, furnished; commanding views of the Hudson, New-York, and Long Island; large grounds, with an abundance of all kinds of fruit; owner going to Europe for two years. Apply to A. RUSCH, No. 94 Grand st., or on the premises at Pleasant Valley. Take steamer Pleasant Valley, foot of Canal st., 10, 2, and 5 o'clock.

TO RENT.—FOR THE SUMMER, OR LONGER IF desired, a country seat on the Hudson, two and a half miles south of Newburg, and five from West Point. For health, beauty, and location it is unsurpassed on the river; house large and furnished; stable, garden, fruit, ice-house, extensive pleasure-grounds, beach, &c. Also for sale. Apply to VERPLANCK BROS., No. 92 Chambers st., New-York.

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TO RENT—THE MOST ELIGIBLE OFFICES IN the National Shoe and Leather Bank building, on the second floor, suitable for an insurance company, (now occupied by the Berkshire Life.) Possession given May 1. For particulars inquire at above-named bank.

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LOFTS, OFFICES, AND SUB-CELLARS IN Barclay and Vesey sts., on Broadway block. Apply to J. & J. W. MEEKS, No. 30 Vesey st., Room No. 6.

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NEVER SINCE THE CREATION OF THE world has there been such an opportunity to secure WONDERFUL BARGAINS as will be afforded at the great foreclosure sale of 1,500 lots on the Morrison Farm, Fort Hamilton, next THURSDAY, MAY 14.

Sale will be made by JERE. JOHNSON, Jr., in his auction-rooms, No. 399 Fulton st., Brooklyn, where maps can be had.

Maps also at No. 21 Park row.

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NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual election for thirteen Directors of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, Grand Central Depot, New-York City, on TUESDAY, the 19th day of May, A. D. 1874. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon, until 2 o'clock P. M. of that day. The transfer-books will be closed from 3 P. M. of the 2d of May until 9 o'clock A. M. of the 20th of May.

ROBERT J. NIVEN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, April 25, 1874.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,

BANKERS, NO. 8 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, ISSUE CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT ON MUNROE & CO., PARIS, AND ON THE CONSOLIDATED BANK, LONDON.

LAKE SUPERIOR SHIP CANAL, RAILROAD & IRON COMPANY.—For sale—$137,000—Receivers' certificates of this Company, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable one year from date, with ten per cent. interest; authorized by order of the United States Circuit Court for Eastern District of Michigan to reimburse expense of completing the canal.

Proposals for purchase of the above certificates will be received by the undersigned until the 18th May, inst., at noon, at his office, No. 20 Broadway, where the order of court may be seen and other particulars, if any, may be learned.

ISAAC H. KNOX, Receiver.

NEW-YORK, May 6, 1874.

COMMERCIAL WAREHOUSE COMPANY. Capital, $2,000,000. Office, No. 29 William st., corner Exchange place. Warehouses, Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn. Cash advances made on first-class securities on demand and time. Cash advances made on all kinds of merchandise stored in our own warehouses, or consigned to us, on favorable terms.

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WILLIAM TOBIN, Superintendent of Warehouses.
JAMES CLYNE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 52 Wall st., NEW-YORK, April 30, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders and bondholders of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, for the election of Directors proposed to be, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting, will be held at the office of the company, in the City of Chicago, on THURSDAY, the 4th of June next, at 3 o'clock P. M. Bondholders will authenticate their right to vote by presenting their voting bonds at the office of the company, No. 52 Wall st., New-York, for registration, on or before the 4th of May proximo.

ALBERT KEEP, President.

M. L. SYKES, Jr., Secretary.

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OFFICE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, April 8, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company, for the election of managers and for other business will be held at the office of the company No. 71 Broadway, on Tuesday, 12th of May next.

The polls will be open from 12 noon until 2 o'clock P. M.

The transfer-books will be closed from the evening of April 30 until the morning of May 13, by order of the board. JAMES C. HART, Treasurer.

NOTICE.—THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE Central Vermont Railroad Company are hereby notified to meet at their office in St. Albans, Vt., on TUESDAY, the 16th day of May, A. D. 1874, at 12 o'clock M. of that day, for the purpose of electing Directors for the year ensuing, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them at said meeting.

By order of the President.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Clerk.

St. ALBANS, April 16, 1874.

ELECTION.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held at the office of the New-York Bridge Company, No. 21 Water st., in the City of Brooklyn, on MONDAY, the 1st day of June next, at 12 o'clock noon, for fifteen Directors of said company, for the then ensuing year, and for two Inspectors of Election for 1875.

The transfer-books will be closed from May 2 to June 2, 1874.—Dated April 28, 1874.

JEREMIAH P. ROBINSON, President.

O P. QUINTARD, Secretary.

NEW-YORK BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS, ROOMS NOS. 156 AND 158 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, May 1874.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR OFFICERS and standing committees of the New-York Board of Fire Underwriters will be held at the Rooms of the Board, Nos. 156 and 158 Broadway, on MONDAY, the 18th day of May inst. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock. WM. W. HENSHAW, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 4, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company for the election of Directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the company in the City of Chicago, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of May inst., at 11 o'clock A. M. The transfer-books of the company will be closed after the 13th inst. until the 24 day of June next. J. C. CATLIN, Secretary.

ST. JOSEPH LEAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 4, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the St. Joseph Lead Company, for the election of Trustees and such other business as may be brought before them, will be held at the office of the company, No. 152 Broadway, on THURSDAY, May 14, 1874, at 1 o'clock P. M. HUGH N. CAMP, Secretary.

CITY OF LOUISVILLE SEVEN PER CENT. MUNICIPAL BONDS. For sale by WM. ALEXANDER SMITH & CO., No. 40 Wall st.

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS BOUGHT AND sold by WM. C. GILMAN, No. 40 Pine st.

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SOUTH CAROLINA BONDS.

NEW-YORK, May 5, 1874.

THE TREASURER AND CONTROLLER GENERAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA are in New-York for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the execution of the Funding law passed at the last session of the Legislature of that State. They will be pleased to meet the bondholders of the State at their room, No. 5 Astor House, from 11 to 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of imparting any information that may be desired.

The interest on the bonds funded, due July 1, 1874, will be paid at the State Treasury, Columbia, S. C., and National Park Bank, New-York.

N. Y. and Oswego Midland Railroad

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDHOLDERS.

Report and papers to sign are now ready at the office of ALLEN, STEPHENS & CO., No. 25 Pine st., New-York. Bondholders will please sign at once.

ROBERT WINTHROP & CO.,

BANKERS AND BROKERS, NO. 18 WALL ST.,

Execute orders for STOCKS, BONDS, and GOLD, allow interest on DEPOSITS, and transact a general Banking and Brokerage business.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, BROOKLYN, May 4, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS, properly indorsed, will be received at this office until 1 o'clock, P. M., FRIDAY, 15th inst., for the purchase of the whole or any part of $200,000 Permanent Water Loan due 1904 and 1910. $200,000 Assessment and Sewerage Bonds due 1877.

Proposals must state the price offered in addition to accrued interest.

The Controller reserves the right to reject bids not considered to the interest of the City.

F. A. SCHROEDER, Controller.

LAKE SHORE RAILROAD BONDHOLDERS and stockholders will find in THE FINANCIER, ready at noon TO-DAY, the report presented at the annual meeting at Cleveland last Wednesday. THE FINANCIER also contains all the investment and financial news of the week. Should be in the hands of bankers, investors, and business men. Published Saturdays at $5 per annum, 15c. per copy. Office No. 71 Broadway.

THE MAJOR AND KNAPP ENGRAVING, MANUFACTURING AND LITHOGRAPHING COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Company, for the election of Trustees, will be held on MONDAY, May 18, 1874, between the hours of 1 and 3 P. M., at the office of the Company, No. 58 Park place, New-York City. J. JUDSON SMITH, Secretary.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO., NO. 59 WALL ST., ISSUE COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

NEW-YORK GUARANTY AND INDEMNITY and NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY'S STOCK bought and sold by W. C. NOYES, Nos. 4 and 6 Pine st.

GREAT WESTERN INSURANCE STOCK and PACIFIC INSURANCE SCRIP bought and sold by W. C. NOYES, Nos. 4 and 6 Pine st.

SOUTH-SIDE RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE Bonds bought by BOUND & CO., No. 52 Wall st.

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS BOUGHT AND sold by E. S. BAILEY, No. 65 Wall st.

DIVIDENDS.

THE NASSAU BANK, NEW-YORK, May 2, 1874.

FORTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FOUR PER CENT., free of tax, payable to the stockholders on and after the 11th instant.

The transfer-books will be closed until that date.

W. H. ROGERS, Cashier.

NOTICE.

The scrip coupon due May 1, 1874, on the gold scrip of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Railway Company, will be paid on presentation at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the City of New-York, from and after that date. JOHN F. ELY, Treasurer of Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Railway Company.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER, CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 4, 1874.

THE REGULAR QUARTERLY DIVIDEND of this Company, at the rate of seven per Cent. per annum, on the new guaranteed stocks, will be paid on and after June 1 proximo, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 29 Exchange place, New-York. The transfer-books will close on the 10th inst. and reopen on the 24 June.

GEO. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, May 1, 1874.

DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT., FREE OF taxes, has been declared, payable on and after the 9th inst. Transfer-books closed until that date.

CHAS. B. VAN WYCK, Cashier.

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WALL STREET TOPICS.

CONDITION OF THE STOCK MARKET YESTERDAY.

THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED LEASE OF THE ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN TO ERIE—THE WESTERN ROADS—MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Opening prices at the Stock Exchange yesterday were strong, and in some cases slightly above the closing quotations of Wednesday. As on previous days for weeks past, large blocks of Western Union were thrown upon the market, and before the call 17,300 shares were disposed of. The price before the board, however, fell only ⅛; but other stocks were not so well able to maintain the pressure to sell, and a decline to a greater extent took place. Lake Shore fell to 74½, North-western to 41⅞, being one per cent. under the opening price; Pacific Mail declined to 43½, St. Paul to 32½—one point under the opening figure—and Union Pacific went down to 30¾. Erie and Pacific Mail opened at ¼ per cent. above the final prices of the previous day, and the former remained quite firm during the entire day. The reported lease of the Atlantic and Great Western to Erie was well received in the street, which accounts for the advance in the selling price of the stock. It opened at 35, rose to 35¼ before noon, and closed at 35⅜. Pacific Mail advanced to 44¼, but fell before the close to 43⅞. At the first call the market declined to nearly the lowest figures of the day, but before noon a slight recovery was perceptible. The bulls were evidently resisting to their utmost power the persistent attack of the bears, who, failing in their onslaught on Western Union and Lake Shore, turned their attention to Union Pacific, which dropped to 30, but finally closed at 30½. About 2 o'clock the lowest prices of the day were reached. Afterward they gradually grew better, but at 3 o'clock the closing figures were slightly under the opening prices, except Erie, which gained ⅛. The lease of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad to Erie has not yet been signed, but it is understood that the negotiations will be finally concluded to-day. Further particulars respecting the proposed lease have transpired. Erie offers to lease the road for ninety-nine years, and to work it at a percentage of the gross receipts, receiving with the road the whole of the rolling stock, which is very valuable. They offer to pay to the Atlantic and Great Western twenty-eight per cent. of the total earnings for the first year, twenty-nine per cent. for the second year, and thirty per cent. for each succeeding year. They further agree to keep accurate accounts of the receipts and expenditures, and at the expiration of every five years to furnish a copy of the same to the Atlantic and Great Western, who will, of course, be afforded every facility for a thorough examination of the accounts. Should the working expenses of the road be found to fall below seventy per cent. of the gross earnings, the difference between the actual working expenses and seventy per cent. of the total earnings is to be equally divided between the respective roads, and this course is to be pursued until the expiration of the lease. According to this plan, if the earnings of the Atlantic and Great Western increase, as undoubtedly they will, the ratio of the working expenses to the total earnings will be diminished, and the road will receive, in addition to the thirty per cent., half of the difference between the working expenses and seventy per cent. of the gross earnings. The Erie officials claim that the lease will be extremely beneficial to them. They get all the rolling stock, and the through traffic over the line and its connections will be increased at least $7,000,000 per annum. The Atlantic and Great Western controls the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Road, and although this is an independent road in itself, still Erie will have it in its power to direct its traffic over their own lines. All these considerations, Erie claims, make the lease highly advantageous to them. The Atlantic and Great Western are still holding out for thirty-five per cent. of the earnings, and it is not unlikely but a compromise may be arrived at to-day. As regards the Western roads there are no new developments. Mr. Sykes, the Vice President of the Chicago and North-western, is of the opinion that the law cannot be enforced. The proclamation of the Governor amounts, he says, to nothing. If the railroads break the law they are liable to the penalties mentioned in the act, but these penalties must be recovered and enforced according to law. If they charge a passenger more than the amount mentioned in the act, the person aggrieved, and not the State, has a right of action, and the State can only interfere to execute any judgment which may be obtained. To be sure, the Legislature has the power to revoke their charter, but if it did so it would forever drive capital from the State. The State granted the charter, and it was accepted on the conditions specified therein, and if charters of such a nature were revoked without the consent of both parties the State would assuredly suffer. For this reason Mr. Sykes does not apprehend the revocation of their charter, and of course the Governor has no power to seize their property except by due process of law. He believes the recent act fixing the tariff is unconstitutional, and consequently the railroad would not comply with it until forced to do so by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The earnings of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company for the four months ended 30th April last have been published. They show an increase of $742,269 over the earnings for the corresponding period of 1873.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company, held at Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, the following Directors were elected:

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Wm. H. Vanderbilt, Augustus Schell, Samuel F. Barger, and Eugene N. Robinson, of New-York; Henry B. Payne, Amasa Stone, Jr., and Stillman Witt, of Cleveland; Wm. L. Scott, Charles M. Reed, and John Tracy, of Erie, Penn.; Albert Keep, of Chicago, William Williams, of Buffalo.

About thirty millions of stock were voted on. The board organized by re-electing all the present officers, except Treasurer James H. Banker, Edwin Worcester, of New-York, was elected Treasurer. The office of Second Vice President was created. Wm. H. Vanderbilt was elected First Vice President, and Augustus Schell, the present First Vice President, was elected Second Vice President. The following Executive Committee was elected: Cornelius Vanderbilt, Wm. H. Vanderbilt, Augustus Schell, Samuel F. Barger, and Eugene N. Robinson.

THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

The following have been admitted to membership in the Produce Exchange: Messrs. J. L. Bonham, E. C. Halsey, E. B. Hastings, C. W. Hubbard, John R. Stuart, and F. Wallpel. Messrs. Crane, Spaulding, and Parker have been appointed the Complaint Committee for the month of May. During the month of April there were 59 meetings held, of which 8 were by the Board of Managers. During the same period 233 new members were approved, 207 qualified by payment of $500 each, and 27 by transfer. The receipts for last month from all sources were $101,951 64, and the expenditures $6,353 53. Yesterday afternoon there was a meeting of the Exchange held, and resolutions of condolence were passed respecting the death of Capt. French, an honorary member of the Exchange.

THE GERMAN EXCHANGE BANK.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the German Exchange Bank, yesterday, the following Directors were elected for the ensuing year: M. J. Adrian, Philip Otteran, M. Oppenheimer, B. G. Ainerd, John Baierlein, M. Reinhardt, Isaac Bear, George Kottman, Joseph Schaeffler, John Deuner, Anke Jongh, Nicholas Seger, John Schnagg, Geo. Storm, George Hoffman, Jean De Krom, M. Mehrbach, Bernard Aiuerd, Daniel Wetteran, and H. Herold. At a subsequent meeting of the board Michael J. Adrian was elected President, and Joseph Schaeffler Vice President of the bank.

THE STEAM-SHIP ETHIOPIA, OF THE ANCHOR LINE.

Much anxiety prevails throughout the City in consequence of the Anchor Line steam-ship Ethiopia not having yet arrived in port. It is now twenty days since she left Glasgow, and being one of the largest, as well as one of the newest ships of this line, the apprehensions regarding her long delay are increased. The agents in New-York, Messrs. Henderson Brothers, however, are very hopeful, and seem to think that something must have occurred to her machinery. The first voyage she made to this port took about eighteen days, the machinery having got out of order. She was built on the Clyde by Messrs. Alexander Stephen & Son, and made her trial trip from Glasgow down the Clyde on the 5th December, 1873. On the 12th of the same month she left via Londonderry for New-York. She had all the appearances and qualities of a first-class ship. In length she is 400 feet, depth of hold 34½, and 4,200 tons burden. Her engines are of the compound high and low pressure type. The high pressure cylinder is 39 inches in diameter, and the low pressure 107 inches. The nominal horse-power is 1,014, and that indicated is 2,100. Her patented steering gear apparatus is not excelled by any other line; and Azimuthal lamps devised by Thos. Stevenson, C. E., Edinburgh on the port, starboard, and masthead lights are built of double-iron plates and firmly riveted. The ship is divided into eight water-tight compartments, and is supplied with ten life-boats. The arrangements in the saloon, which is 48 by 33 feet, are in the best style. It contains seats for about 160 persons, and immediately adjoining the state-rooms are bath-rooms, lovatory, &c. Mr. Henderson, one of the company in New-York, has his mother and two sisters on board, and the manager, Mr. Coverly, also a sister on board. There are about forty saloon, and between four or five hundred steerage passengers on board. Among the saloon passengers is a party of twenty-five, in company with Mr. Thomas Cook, to make a tour through the principal cities of the States. Their names are as follows: Messrs. Freth, Sheffield; Mudford, Sheffield; W. B. Parson, Appledore, N. Devon; H. Foster, jr., London; Rev. A. H. Stroud, Clifton, Bristol; William Cook, London; Dorman, Sandwich, Kent; Hutchison, Glasgow; Pickering, Sheffield; J. H. Batley, Huddersfield; S. W. Morris, Brexton; Major Rippon, Darlington; I. Lee, Manchester; S. T. Lee, Manchester; Rev. G. B. Young, Aughnacloy, Ireland; W. Hartley, Castleford; I. Greenway, London; Mr. Dobbing, London; Miss Chabot, Brighton; G. Woods, Southsea; R. J. D. Colley, Rochdale; Thos. Arls, Towcester; Mr. Walker, Sheffield; Dr. Jas. Baldwin, Banbury, and W. A. Short, the conductor. Information is expected on Saturday from Glasgow, if the vessel is not here by that time.

ARRIVAL OF MENONITES.

Yesterday afternoon a party consisting of forty Mennonites, in charge of Mr. Ewert, left this City for Dakota, where a new colony is being formed. This was the first arrival of this class of people this year, having come in the steam-ship Westphalia, from Hamburg, the day previous. Mr. Ewert states that the Russian Government has forbidden the departure of the Mennonites from Russo-Poland, and it was only owing to a well-laid plan that this party got away at all. The action of the Russian Government in prohibiting the emigration has been caused by the manner in which the people have been treated on their arrival here by unscrupulous agents. Last year a large number arrived, having made arrangements with an agent who proceeded from New-York to Russo-Poland for that purpose for forming a colony on some land belonging to the Northern and Pacific Railroad Company. When the people arrived in this City they were left to their own resources, no person turning up to take them to their destination, and it was then discovered they had been heartlessly swindled out of the money they had paid for land. They were, however, forwarded to a settlement of Mennonites in Kansas by two Mennonite missionaries in this City.

Mr. Ewert says that the Russian edict will remain in force until the authorities or Emigration Commission secure to this class protection from swindlers. Before leaving Castle Garden yesterday, some of the Mennonites who had not provided themselves with tickets on the other side for inland transmission were induced to purchase tickets for Dakota, for which they were charged $17 65, and those who could not be prevailed upon to purchase in Castle Garden provided themselves with tickets outside through Mr. Neuman, the Mennonite missionary, at $14 each. Mr. Neuman intends bringing the matter before the President of the Commission and have the difference refunded.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad Company will pay, through the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, on June 1, its regular guaranteed quarterly dividend, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum.

Roach & Co. have just closed a contract with the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company for the construction at Chester, Penn., of nine iron steam-ships of the first class.

The German steamer Thuringia yesterday took out $500,000 gold coin and $50,000 silver.

The White Star Steam-ship Company have completed arrangements to run a line of steamers direct to London, in addition to the line to Liverpool. The steamer Gaelic sailed yesterday morning on the new route, and is the pioneer steamer of the line.

The Treasury sold $1,500,000 gold yesterday at 112.24 to 112.33; J. B. Colgate & Co. being the largest purchasers at 112.26.

BURGLARY AT THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY.

On Tuesday night the office of the Lutheran Cemetery, situated on the Jamaica turnpike, near Middle Village, Long Island, was visited by a gang of burglars, who made a determined but unsuccessful attempt to force open the safe, which contained $100. The burglars forced open the shutters and the window of the office, and after gaining an entrance in that manner attempted to punch a number of holes in the door of the safe, but did not succeed, as the steel resisted all their efforts. They then attempted to wedge the door open, and had driven home two small steel wedges, when they became alarmed at the approach of the watchman employed at the cemetery, and fled, leaving all their tools behind them. Mr. Frederick W. Giessenhainer, the Treasurer of the cemetery, called on Capt. Irving yesterday morning and reported the above facts to him, and also produced the tools abandoned by the burglars, consisting of a number of wedges, two sledge-hammers, three cold chisels, a 5-foot "jimmy," a can of powder, and several other articles. In January last the office was entered by burglars and the safe forced open and robbed of $500. Since that time a new safe was procured which successfully resisted the burglars' operations. The only clue to the thieves is furnished by a conductor on a North Second street railroad car, in Brooklyn, who reports that several nights ago a man asked him if a watchman was employed at the Lutheran Cemetery.

REPORTED THEFT OF CAPT. BYRNES' SHIELD.

The readers of THE TIMES will remember that when the charity matinées were organized last Winter the managers agreed to present to the Captain of Police selling the largest number of tickets a gold shield of considerable value. This shield was won by Capt. Thomas Byrnes, of the Fifteenth Precinct, who sold over 7,000 tickets. The manufacture of the present was intrusted to W. M. Lindemark, a jeweler at No. 645 Broadway, and it was finished a few days ago. The shield is of unique design, contains 104 penny weights of fine gold, and two diamonds valued at $723, the whole affair costing $1,200. Yesterday morning Mr. Lindemark called on Capt. Irving, at the Central office, and reported that the shield had been stolen. He stated that the shield was lying on the desk in his office when a file peddler entered, and left suddenly. After his departure the shield was missed, and it was suspected that the peddler had stolen it. Capt. Irving sent Detective Dusenbury to investigate the matter, and finding on questioning Mr. Lindemark that he was not positive that the shield was on the desk, induced that gentleman to open his safe. A search of that receptacle revealed the shield snugly stowed away in one of the drawers. The shield will be presented to Capt. Byrnes in a few days. A medal is also in course of preparation to be presented to the policeman who sold the largest number of tickets.

GERMAN POLITICAL CONSOLIDATION.

The Central Organization of the German Reform Associations held a meeting at the Beethoven Maennerchor Hall last night, Oswald Ottendorfer presiding. The Conference Committee appointed to confer with a similar committee of the German Democratic General Committee to effect a consolidation of both organizations, presented a report through Judge Otterbourg. The report embraced a plan of consolidation agreed upon, which was submitted for ratification, providing that henceforth both central organizations shall constitute one body, with their respective officers remaining in their positions until the close of the year, when a new organization is to be effected on a plan hereafter to be agreed upon. The consolidated organization is to be known as the Central Organization of the German Independent Citizens' Associations. The object of the movement was stated to be to insure independence from the existing political parties, and united action on the part of the German element in future election campaigns. After a brief debate, the measure was adopted. The same matter was brought up for discussion at a meeting of the German Democratic General Committee, held simultaneously at the Teutonia Assembly Rooms, and the consolidation project was there also approved. To complete the act of consolidation, a joint meeting of both central organizations is to be held in the course of a few days.

THE BUREAU OF CHARITIES.

The twenty-third regular meeting of the Committee of Nine of the Bureau of Charities was held yesterday afternoon at its offices, corner of Third avenue and Eleventh street, Mr. Theodore Roosevelt presiding, and Mr. Henry N. Pellew acting as Secretary. The subject of the late legislative charitable appropriations came up for consideration, and information having been received that the whole matter had been referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the Secretary was instructed to request the board to furnish the Bureau of Charities with the items of the apportionment of the different funds, including the sum of $668,925 under the head of general expenses in the financial report for 1874. A resolution was adopted to place at the disposal of Controller Green all information in the hands of the bureau relative to the societies benefited from these funds. A resolution was also adopted recommending a proper compilation of all existing laws in reference to charities in this State.

From certain facts which have lately come to the notice of the committee, they deem it proper to put the public on their guard against certain persons who are endeavoring to obtain money from individuals and societies on propositions to sell surplus provisions or goods contributed during the Winter for charitable purposes, or on the plea of establishing schools.

After transacting some routine business the committee adjourned, subject to the call of the chair. The office of the bureau will, in the meantime, remain open every day throughout the Summer.

TAMMANY GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The Tammany General Committee met at Tammany Hall last night, Daniel F. Tieman presiding. After organizing, a long series of resolutions were adopted relative to the law giving the Mayor the power of appointing Commissioners of the Police and Park Departments without confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. The resolutions denounce the action of the Legislature in passing the bill as "opposed to all true principles of government," and charges that the Legislature was coerced by Federal officials, and that it was passed "under the pressure of a party caucus, and in opposition to the views of some of the leading Republicans of the State."

After the adoption of the resolutions, Senator John Fox took the floor. He said he was obliged to rise to a question of privilege. The Democratic Party had honored him with many positions of trust. He was Chairman of the State Central Committee, and had been elected as Congressman and State Senator. He then remarked that he held in his hand a copy of the *Sun*, which contained an article the language of which was very offensive. They had doubtless read the article. He would only call attention to that part which referred to his own personal character. He then read those portions of the article in which John Morrissey is reported to have sailed on the night of their recent encounter in the Union Square Hotel, that he was a thief, and that two men had been sent to Albany to watch him to keep him from stealing. The man who is reported to have said this of him, boasted that he parcelled out nominations in the City and State. He wanted to know if two men had been sent to Albany to watch him. If he was a thief, he called upon the General Committee to turn him out. Senator Fox was applauded, and when the applause had subsided Comnty Clerk Walsh moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Organization for investigation. This was satisfactory to the Senator, but Ex-Justice Hogan interposed an objection. He did not want it so referred unless it was made plain that it was a matter which affected the good name of the party. He wanted the truth of the newspaper article established. If the Democratic Party were electing thieves to office, let the country know it. John Mitchell followed Ex-Justice Hogan. He said that, in view of the serious aspect the affair had taken, it should be referred to the Committee on Organization. This action was finally taken, and the meeting adjourned.

RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY RODMAN.

Mr. Thomas H. Rodman has placed his resignation of the office of District Attorney of Kings County in the hands of Gov. Dix. The rumor that the District Attorney had resigned was circulated in Brooklyn yesterday morning, and caused a good deal of excitement among local politicians. It was at first disbelieved, but Mr. Rodman, who has been confined to his house from illness for the past few days, stated last evening that he had sent his resignation to the Governor. In answer to inquiries as to the reasons which influenced him in taking such action, the District Attorney stated that his strength had not been sufficient for the task he had undertaken, and that he had been compelled to come to the conclusion that he must resign, and that he had already taken steps in that direction. As to his probable successor he could say nothing, as he proposed to leave that entirely in the hands of the Governor, and not to recommend any one. He had not sought the office of District Attorney, and if its duties, following immediately on those of Aldermau, had been too severe a strain for his physical endurance, as he was convinced, and his physician had assured him, he could only sincerely regret it. He recognized the fact that at the present time the people required an able, thorough, conscientious public prosecutor, entirely free from party influences, and he hoped such a man would be appointed to the position. Mr. Rodman, it will be remembered, was appointed, some months ago, in the place of Winchester Britton, removed.

THE HUDSON COUNTY FREEHOLDERS.

The first regular meeting of the Hudson County Chosen Freeholders was held in the Court-house, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon. All the members were present. Two members of the special committee to whom was referred the contested election case between Garretson (Republican) and Roach (Democrat) submitted a majority report in favor of Roach. A minority report, signed by one member of the committee, and giving the seat to Garretson, was received. The whole matter was finally referred to Mr. Lippincott, the counsel of the board. Lewis E. Allen was elected Messenger to the board, and the following-named papers were declared to be the official papers of the county: The *Evening Journal* and *Standard*, of Jersey City; the *Hudson County Democrat* and *Journal*, of Hoboken; the *Hudson County Times*, of Bayonne, and the *Dispatch*, of Harrison. An attempt was made to elect a County Physician, and twelve doctors were nominated. After six ballots had been taken without result, the matter was laid over to the next meeting. On the last ballot, when the board made its nearest approach to an election, the fight was virtually narrowed down to Drs. Carpenter and Stout—the former of whom received 9 votes and the latter 12. The board established four wards in the City—one at Corporer Parsloe's, in Hoboken, one at Brady's undertaking establishment, Jersey City, a third at Coroner Reinhardt's undertaking establishment, Jersey City Heights, and a fourth at Spear's, Old Bergen City. The Director announced the standing committees for the year, and the board adjourned.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Vice President Henry Wilson is at the Astor House. He leaves this morning for Boston.

Olaf Stenersen, the Swedish Minister, is at the Albemarle Hotel.

Rear Admiral Thornton A. Jenkins, United States Navy, is at the Westminster Hotel.

Major A. S. Nicholson, of the Marine Corps, is at the Clarendon Hotel.

Joseph Warren, of the Buffalo *Courier*, is at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Hon. Robert M. McLane, of Baltimore, and W. J. McAlpine, of Albany, are at the Hoffman House.

Gen. James A. Cunningham, of Boston, and Major H. C. Smith, of London, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Judge Amasa J. Parker, of Albany, and Fergus Ferguson, M. A., of Glasgow, are at the Brevoort House.

Gen. R. B. Marcy, United States Army; Hon. George W. Woodward, of Philadelphia; Ex-Gov. Randolph, and Hon. Henry C. Kelsey, of New-Jersey, are at the New-York Hotel.

Solicitor Banfield, of the Treasury Department; John McEnery, of Louisiana; Speaker James W. Husted, Judge R. D. Rice, of Maine; Dr. E. Eldridge, of Elmira; Capt. R. R. Steward, of the British Navy; George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia *Ledger*; Ex-Gov. J. N. Goodwin, of Arizona; Ex-Congressman Milo Goodrich, of Dryden, N. Y., and Anthony J. Drexel, of Philadelphia, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

BASE-BALL.

The Flyaways (amateurs) played the Atlantics (professionals) a practice game on the lower field of the Capitoline Grounds yesterday. The day was pleasant, and there was quite a large attendance of spectators. The game was well contested, and resulted in a well-earned victory for the amateurs. Mr. Carey discharged the duties of umpire in an impartial manner. The following is the score:

ATLANTIC.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	FLYAWAY.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.
Kessler, c.	1	1	5	0	Laughlin, 2d b.	3	2	3	4
Bond, p.	2	2	0	2	Clack, l. f.	1	4	1	0
Dehlman, 1st b.	2	2	10	0	McGee, c. f.	3	2	3	1
West, 2d b.	2	3	1	1	Shanley, 1st b.	2	1	11	0
Pearce, s. s.	1	3	3	4	Knowdell, c.	0	1	2	1
Ferguson, 3d b.	0	1	1	3	Shevlin, s. s.	1	0	3	5
Chapman, c. f.	0	0	0	0	Malone, 3d b.	1	0	1	3
Booth, l. f.	1	0	3	0	Jolly, r. f.	1	1	3	0
Hodes, r. f.	1	2	2	0	Purroy, p.	0	1	0	2
Total	10	12	27	10	Total	12	12	27	16

INNINGS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.
Atlantic	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	3	0—10
Flyaway	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	6	—12

Umpire—Mr. Carey, of the Mutual Club.
Time of Game—One hour and forty minutes.
Runs Earned—Atlantic, 1; Flyaway, 3.

To-day the Athletics will play the Atlantics, and on Saturday the Mutuals, both games to take place on the Union Grounds.

THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

The American Geographical Society, at Association Hall, last evening, listened to a lengthy description of travel in Peru and Chili, and the first ascent of the Misti, the famous volcano of Arequipa. In the absence of Judge Daly, Col. F. Conkling presided. Some 500 new members were elected. The lecturer of the evening, Lieut. Henry Clay Cochrane, of the United States Marine Corps, then delivered the lecture above-mentioned. It was illustrated by stereopticon views and paintings in distemper, and gave much satisfaction to the large audience present. Mayor J. W. Powell, who was announced to speak, was unavoidably absent. At the close of the evening's entertainment, Mr. Hays proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer and one of "God speed" to Judge Daly, who leaves for Europe to-day. Both were heartily given.

WESTON'S PROPOSED WALK.

Yesterday Mr. Edward Payson Weston went through a preliminary trial in pedestrianism in the hall of the American Institute, preparatory to his performance next week, when he proposes to walk 500 miles. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present on invitation, among others Judge Brady and Mrs. Brady, Col. Ethan Allen and Mrs. Allen, Rev. Mr. Cremer and Mrs. Cremer, Rev. Mr. Hepworth, Professor Doremus and Mrs. Doremus, Mr. J. L. T. Smith, City Surveyor, measured the circle round the hall twenty-one inches from the outside of the track, and found it to be 754 feet 11½ inches, thus requiring seven rounds to make one mile, 700 rounds to make 100 miles, and 3,500 circuits to make 500 miles. The track is forty inches in width, and has been filled with dry earth. At 3:30 P. M. Mr. Weston started, and walked thirty-seven rounds, or five miles in fifty-five minutes. He also walked half a mile backward, demonstrating the effort required to walk at the rate of three, four, five, and six miles per hour.

OBITUARY.

JOHN HECKER.

Mr. John Hecker, the well-known baker and flour merchant, died very suddenly at his office, No. 58 Rutgers street, yesterday. About 10:30 A. M. he called his private secretary and told him he felt ill, and was advised to take an emetic of mustard and warm water, which he did. Immediately after he fell back on the sofa in convulsions, in which he died, despite the efforts of Drs. Theall and Nordmann, who were called to his aid. His ailment was declared to be apoplexy. His friends were notified, and the body removed to the family residence, No. 78 Irving place. Mr. Hecker was born in this City, July 25, 1812, and was a resident of the Seventh Ward until a few years before his death. In 1833 he established a large bakery in Rutgers street, and speedily secured an extensive and remunerative business. In 1842 he and his brother, George V. Hecker, erected the Croton Mills, Nos. 201 and 203 Cherry street, and carried on the flour business under the name of Hecker & Brother. Deceased had been for some time interested in politics, and in 1850 he was run for Congress in the Fifth District by the Free Soilers, and was beaten. He was more successful in 1854, however, when he was elected Alderman from the Seventh Ward. His action while in the board made him very unpopular with a certain class of the people, to whom he became especially odious by adding his signature to an application for an injunction to prevent the payment of certain pay-rolls alleged to have been fraudulently presented. This act nearly cost him his life, as he was set upon by a mob in the City Hall Park and seriously injured. Prior to this, in 1850, he had established a periodical called *The Mint*, which was known principally by the articles in it delineating the characters of Messrs. Seward, Benton, and Greeley. Two years later he founded and opened an Episcopal Mission Chapel at No. 256 Madison street. It was afterward removed to No. 58 Rutgers street, and has ever been maintained by deceased to the day of his death. Here he introduced High Church Ritualism with the choral service, this being the first seen of it in the United States. In 1857 he assumed editorial charge of the *Churchman*, a paper devoted to the Episcopal Church's interests. He continued in this position until the first year of the war. It had a large Southern patronage, which was cut off by the contest. Mr. Hecker became a Public School Inspector in 1864, and was one at the time of his death. The question of popular education was one which engrossed a great part of his attention, and he wrote a book upon it entitled *The Scientific Basis of Education*. In 1865 he was nominated by the Citizens' Association as its candidate for Mayor against John T. Hoffman and Godfrey Gunther. He was defeated and Hoffman elected, mainly, it was thought, through Mr. Hecker's splitting the Republican vote on account of the support given him by Mr. Greeley and his friends. This was deceased's last candidacy for any office, the only one he held afterward being that of Public School Inspector, which he had never relinquished. Perhaps Mr. Hecker was better known to the public by his business. Everybody has heard of Hecker's self-raising flour and farina; and as a cracker-baker he was considered one of the most opulent in the Union. He had, at one time, no less than sixteen bread stores and mills in New-York. Just before his death he disposed of all but three. He leaves a mother widow, a son, and two daughters. His brother, George V. Hecker, survives him in the flour trade, while his other brother is the well-known Paulist Father, Isaac Hecker.

EX-FIRE COMMISSIONER HENNESSY.

James S. Hennessy, Ex-Fire Commissioner of this City, brother-in-law of Ex-City Chamberlain John J. Bradley, and a politician intimately connected with the Tammany Ring, died suddenly at his residence, No. 117 East Eighteenth street, on Wednesday evening, of erysipelas of the head. He was appointed a Fire Commissioner by Ex-Mayor Hall in 1871, and in 1873 was legislated out of office. He was born in London, England, in 1823, and came to this country when seven years old. He resided in Philadelphia until 1865, and was prominently connected with the Fire Department of that city, representing Vigilant Company at the Firemen's Convention.

CHICKASAW RACES.

FOURTH DAY OF THE MEETING—LARGE ATTENDANCE AND GOOD SPORT.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 7.—This, the fourth day of the races of the Chickasaw Jockey Club, was a gala one for the club. More people were in attendance than was ever seen upon the course. The grand stand was completely filled with ladies. There was hardly standing room for gentlemen. Hundreds of our most distinguished citizens were seen hobnobbing about the quarter stretch. The day was bright and clear, and the track in good order. The programme was unusually attractive.

FIRST RACE—Mile and a half; all ages; Club Purse, $200. The entries were Quartermaster, Limestone, Edwin Adams, Gurney, and Captain Hutchinson. In the pools Quartermaster was the favorite, selling for $100, Edwin Adams $80, Limestone $35, the field $30. The start was bad. When the drum tapped Limestone was fully eighty yards ahead of Edwin Adams, with Captain Hutchinson second, Gurney third, Quartermaster fourth. Edwin Adams, behind Limestone, continued to lead until near the finish, when Quartermaster came in with a rush, and won by a short head, Limestone second, and Edwin Adams a good third. The others were not placed. Time, 2:46.

SECOND RACE—Two mile heats; all ages; Club Purse, $500. This was the carnival event of the day. The entries were A. M. Barton's Jack Frost, Geo. H. Rice's Stampede, Wm. Jennings' Silent Friend, and A. B. Lewis & Co.'s Bessie Lee. Each horse had his friends, and at one time it was hard to say which was the favorite. The following was the closing rates in the pools: Jack Frost, 80; Silent Friend, 80; Stampede, 65; and Bessie Lee, 50. In the first heat Stampede and Jack Frost set out in earnest, Jack Frost in the lead. The first mile was run in 1:53½, Jack Frost leading by one length. Entering the second mile the pace was made faster. Jack Frost maintained his lead until the finish, winning the heat by a neck, Stampede second, Bessie Lee ten lengths behind, lapped by Silent Friend. Time—3:41¼. This was the best heat ever run over the course, considering that the track is not fast. After the heat Jack Frost was the favorite by $100 to $75 over the field. When the start in the second heat was made Bessie Lee went off with a rush, and led for three-quarters. Jack Frost then went to the front, and passed the stand two lengths ahead of Stampede in 1:57¼. Up the back stretch Jack Frost and Stampede went at it in earnest. From the head of the home stretch until the finish, it was the most exciting contest ever looked upon. The crowd on the stand shouted, "Stampede wins," as he gained on Jack Frost at every stride; but it was no use. Old Frost won the heat and the race by the shortest of heads, Stampede second, Silent Friend six lengths behind, three lengths in front of Bessie Lee. Time—3:46¼.

This closed the best day's racing ever seen in this part of the country.

A large number of horses here go to Nashville to the Spring meeting over that course.

THE INDIANS.

THE YELLOWSTONE PARTY OF CITIZENS ATTACKED—FREQUENT SKIRMISHES.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The following has been forwarded here:

FORT ELLIS, Montana Territory, May 1.

Assistant Adjutant General Department of Dakota, St. Paul:

Couriers from the Yellowstone party of citizens report them retreating up the Yellowstone, with frequent skirmishes with the Indians. They turned back near Tongue River, after a fight, and have reached a point about 195 miles from here. One man was killed and two wounded, and considerable stock was killed. A number of Indians have been killed and their stock captured.

(Signed,) A. B. SWEITZER,
Major Second Cavalry, Commanding.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The European mails by the Cuba, later by two days' dates, were distributed in this City yesterday.

The fifteenth annual commencement of Columnia College Law School will take place on Saturday evening at the Academy of Music.

Last evening Prof. Van Der Weyde lectured before the Polytechnic branch of the American Institute on the "Artificial Production of Cold."

We are indebted to Purser Douglass, of the Havana steam-ship Morro Castle, for the prompt delivery at this office of our Cuban mail packages.

Alfred P. Reynolds was yesterday held for examination by United States Commissioner Osborn on a charge of having entered into fraudulent bankruptcy.

Joseph Rudan, charged with desertion from the German bark Æolus, was yesterday held for examination by United States Commissioner Shields.

"Modern Philosophy and Its Influence on European and American Law" will be discussed at the meeting of the Liberal Club this evening by George W. Samson, D. D., LL. D.

At a regular meeting of the Sixth Assembly District Republican Association last evening, at No. 364 Grand street, Mr. Robert Moore presiding, sixty-five names were proposed for membership.

In the case of Robert W. Hardie, already reported in THE TIMES, the Managers of the New-York Juvenile Asylum have concluded to surrender the boy to his mother, and thus terminate all proceedings in the case.

Gen. H. E. Davies, Jr., of No. 149 Broadway, announces that he is prepared to furnish officers and ex-officers of the army attending the Army Reunion at Harrisburg next week, with orders for transportation at reduced rates.

The steam-ship Thuringia, which left this port yesterday with the European mails, took 45,900 letters and seventy-one bags of papers. The Cuba, which arrived from Europe yesterday, brought 28,926 letters and eighty bags of papers.

William Clough, who has been locked up in the Tombs on charge of shooting Dooney alias William Harris, was released yesterday on $1,000 bail by Coroner Woltman. A surgeon's certificate was obtained that Harris was out of danger.

James T. Conway was brought before United States Commissioner Shields yesterday on a charge of having forged the name of Rose & Co., Baltimore, to a Post Office money-order. On examination he was discharged for want of identification.

A [meeting of phonographers was held last evening at Masonic Hall to organize a Phonographers' Protective Association. The society was organized with twenty-five members, and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

The fourteenth anniversary of the Baptist Sunday-school Union will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 19. The schools throughout the City meet at the designated places at 2 o'clock P. M., and precisely at 2:15 o'clock the exercises begin, in accordance with the general programme.

Richard H. Matthews obtained a verdict in Supreme Court, Circuit, yesterday, for $150 damages against the owners of the Bleecker Street Railroad for injuries to his foot, caused by a loose rail on the road. The claim of plaintiff was for $20,000. The defendants resisted the suit on the ground that the accident was not attributable to their negligence.

As Officer O'Neill was on post on West Fourteenth street on Wednesday night, about 12 o'clock, he saw two men making their exit from No. 316 West Fourteenth street, carrying with them bundles of large size. He arrested both of them, and when arraigned before Justice Murray, at Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, they gave the names of Charles Bein, of No. 241 Centre street, and Charles Christian, No. 37 Crosby street. They were held in $2,000 each on a charge of burglary in the first degree.

The following transfers of Police Sergeants were made yesterday: Geo. B. Kass, from the Seventeenth to the Thirtieth Precinct; Chas. Snyder, Seventeenth to Seventh Precinct; James McGiven, Seventeenth to Seventh; Andrew Doyle, Seventh to Seventeenth Precinct; John J. Fitzgerald, Seventh to Seventeenth Precinct; Wm. Thompson, Fifth to Seventeenth; Henry J. Merier, Thirtieth to Fifth Precinct; Thomas Reed, Twenty-fourth to Fifth Precinct; Thomas Huff, Fifth to Twenty-fourth Precinct, and Wm. W. Sullivan, from Twenty-fourth to Seventeenth Precinct.

BROOKLYN.

There were 181 deaths for the week ending May 2.

The steam-sloop Suatara leaves the Navy-yard for the South Sea scientific trip on the 1st of next month. She goes into commission on Monday.

A man named John Bamby was arrested yesterday on complaint of Mrs. Elizabeth Brecht, of No. 99 North Ninth street, who charges him with attempting to set fire to her house.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors considered a number of the Coroners' bills yesterday. A majority of the bills were laid over for further investigation.

It is said that the Sands Street, Washington Street, and Pacific Street Methodist Churches are about to consolidate and build a large church edifice at some central point on the Heights.

A man named Charles P. Garish, forty-one years of age, died at his boarding-house, No. 74 St. James place, yesterday, from an overdose of opium, supposed to have been taken with suicidal intent. Coroner Jones will hold an inquest to-day.

The Law Committee of the Board of Supervisors heard arguments by counsel representing the two firms claiming the contract for the convict labor of the Penitentiary during the next five years. The committee will report at the meeting of the Supervisors on Wednesday. It is generally believed that H. H. Bigelow & Co. will receive the contract.

The Board of City Works yesterday directed their Secretary to

A NARROW ESCAPE.

THE PENNSYLVANIA.

TESTIMONY OF CAPT. BRADY IN THE SALVAGE SUIT.

Capt. Cornelius L. Brady gave the following testimony before Commissioner Hibler, in Philadelphia, on Tuesday afternoon, in the suit brought by him against the American Steam-ship Company:

I am the libelant in this case; was in Liverpool on the 21st of February last; purchased a ticket for a passage to Philadelphia on the Pennsylvania from the agents, paying about $31 50 in gold; went on board that afternoon; there were twelve passengers in the steerage, and Mr. Walton and myself in the cabin. The vessel sailed the 21st; had moderate weather up to the 23d; stopped the 23d about four hours to repair the engine-room; on the 23d commenced to encounter strong westerly gales, with heavy seas, which continued up to the 27th. On the morning of the 27th encountered a violent gale from the north-west, with a high, confused sea, the ship laboring badly and taking heavy seas, sweeping everything movable from the decks; at noon the weather became more moderate; encountered a furious gale from west to north-west early in the afternoon; the sea ran fearfully, and the ship strained frightfully; the day ended with a violent hurricane; the wind was about north-west; on the night of the storm—that is, on the 27th—I was on the officers' companion-way, looking out; I did not retire, because I wanted to note the storm; was met by Capt. Bradburn; he was coming on deck from the purser's room; had a short conversation; shipped a gigantic sea over the starboard beam or abaft it, which stove in the forward end and part of the starboard side of the social hall, flooding the saloon; I went aft, and with the carpenter proceeded to repair the social hall; about midnight the ship encountered the centre of the cyclone; about this time, while changing watches, and while I was still in the social hall at work, she shipped another fearful sea over the starboard side, forward of the beam, placing the ship for a time in a critical condition, she being in the trough of the sea; no great was the shock to the ship that I thought she would hardly raise to the next sea. At the time I was in the social hall. We thought she was going to pieces. Never felt a worse shock. Williams, the steward, came to me to see that the sea had stove her forward hatches and was filling; ran down the saloon companion-way into the steerage; found a majority of the crew and passengers there, including Mr. Rivers. They were all panic-stricken. Mr. Rivers was on the port side of the deck leaning against the pump-well, with a globe lamp in his hand. Found nobody doing anything for the ship, and knowing her danger, I ordered all present to pass the lower hatches upon the deck, to secure the upper hatches, and detailed all hands into three gangs to execute those orders. Seeing the Captain's steward, I told him to tell Capt. Bradburn what I had done. Mr. Rivers was leaning against the pump-well saying nothing. Asked him if he was not one of the officers. His reply was, "Yes, Sir." I asked him why he was not trying to save the ship. He shrugged his shoulders, and asked, "What can I do? What do you want me to do?" I told him to go with the rest and get the hatches secured. He went among the men already obeying my orders, and I took no further notice of him. The Captain's steward returned and sang out that he could not find Capt. Bradburn, that he was afraid he was overboard. I told the men to use all possible dispatch to secure the hatches, and started on deck to look for myself. Experienced some difficulty in getting the men to work. It was necessary to use force to some and encouragement to others. I went on deck to the after wheel-house. Asked the quartermaster at the wheel where Capt. Bradburn was. He replied he had gone forward a short time previous to the gale. Seeing no person or officer on the deck aft, started forward to the bridge to look for Capt. Bradburn. At this time it was blowing a hurricane, and the ship was in the trough of the sea. When I saw the wreck of the house and bridge I realized that Capt. Bradburn and his men must have been washed overboard. Went forward and found no person. Immediately went below to see if my orders were being executed. When I went on the steerage deck to the main hatch, found a portion of the men at work. A portion I could not see. I did not know what had become of them. It was understood that Capt. Bradburn and the officers were washed overboard, and it created great consternation. Realizing the necessity of some one taking command of the ship, I directed the men to secure the hatches, and started on deck to take charge. On my way Blake, first assistant engineer, cried out, "For God's sake, Mr. Brady, take charge of the ship." Several sailors called at the same time; the purser and the doctor implored me to take command. I replied that I had done so and called out to the chief steward not to allow any liquor about. This was the first time I saw Peterson that night from the time I was in social hall. When I got on deck the ship was going from six to seven knots, making from thirty-seven to thirty-eight revolutions. I ran into the engine-room and ordered the engineers to go dead slow, just so she would turn over the centre. This order was promptly obeyed, and I ran on deck. From the time I went on deck to look for Capt. Bradburn to the time I came on deck to take charge, after giving orders to slow down, the ship was without a commander. There was no person on deck except the men in the after wheel-house. When I got on deck it was blowing, and the ship in the trough of the sea. When I went into the wheel-house the ship's head was south-west with wind north-west. Quartermaster Murphy said he was steering south-west, a half or three-quarters west. I told him to port helm and let the ship come up head to the sea; brought her up gradually from south-west to west north-west, six points, and hove her to. She ceased her laboring and straining so heavily, and took little water on deck. Remained in the wheel-house, looking out the only window that was open, steering the ship by the sea. Every time the wheel was moved I gave the order when and how to move it. I brought the ship up from west north-west to north-west half west, and remained in the wheel-house until between 9 and 10 o'clock the next morning. About 2:45 I left the wheel for a few minutes for the first time to put a pair of boots on. Mr. Rivers came into the wheel-house and reported to me that he had secured one of the hatches. That was the first time I saw Rivers come to the wheel-house that night. I asked him to stop there, but he refused, as he was wet and cold and had no coat. He went away and stayed three minutes, and Rivers went away, and I did not see him again until the next morning. From the time the big sea struck until I took charge about fifteen minutes had elapsed. About 6 o'clock on the morning of the 28th the weather became more moderate. I moved the ship ahead slow. Gave directions to have the hatches permanently secured, but afterward found the order had not been complied with. Found the men were stowed away in the hold, among them being Daniel Whittaker. Ordered the purser to bring the roll and tables on deck, call the roll and ascertain how many men were lost. Ordered the carpenter to the wheel-house about daylight and asked me to retain charge of the ship, saying I was the only competent man aboard. The purser, doctor, and several others asked me previous to the muster to keep charge. At the muster all were present except the man at the wheel. I told them I had been asked by a majority of the officers to take charge of the ship, and there was not a dissenting voice.

CHOLERA IN ITALY.

A letter from Dr. Maragliana, Sanitary Commissioner to the *Movimento* of Genoa, shows that since the end of February the cholera has revived in the five provinces where it had already claimed a certain number of victims. These provinces are respectively Vernazza, Monteroso, Manarola, and Riomaggiore. The disease reappeared in consequence of great earthworks in connection with the railway, which brought together 4,000 workmen, placed under the most deplorable sanitary conditions. It has been found necessary to dispense them by force and to isolate the cholera patients and their families. The cholera has also made its appearance in Genoa and in different parts of Liguria. It has made its way from Vergatto to Porretta, and thus threatens to invade the centre of Italy. Prof. Brugnoli and Dr. Rosi, commissioned by the Provincial Council to inform themselves of its progress, have adopted rigorous measures for the isolation of the cholera patients, having verified the deaths of three persons from this disease, which appears to have been imported by the laborers of Vernazza. Great precautions are, therefore, held to be necessary.

SUICIDE OF AN ENGLISH COUPLE.

A Paris dispatch to the London *Daily News*, dated April 24, runs as follows:

"The suicide of a young English couple at the Hotel St. Petersburg, No. 35 Rue Caumartin, has been the talk of all Paris to-day. I have just returned from the Morgue, where the bodies, as is the French custom, are exposed to public view for identification.

Immense crowds congregated about the door of the Morgue, many people not having nerve enough to go in, but eagerly asking questions outside. The sight, indeed, was not one which it might have been thought anybody would have cared to look upon from mere curiosity. The man's age appears to be about thirty. He is of short stature, with very small hands and feet, great muscular development of the arms, shoulders, and chest, short brown beard and mustache. Altogether he has the air of a fashionable English athlete. His clothes, which, together with those of his companion, were hung above their heads to assist in their identification, were a morning suit, well cut, and of the first quality. I heard a Frenchman say that he looked as if he never had had a care in his life. His companion, presumably eighteen or nineteen years of age, looked as though not in the same station of life, though her clothes were good and in the fashion. Her hair is singularly long, and dressed with curls turned up in Victoria bands, as was the fashion twenty years ago. Her height is five feet; plump in form, menacing stoutness. An Englishman present said he was familiar with the man's face, which he had seen for years in Rotten row. The silver plates on the dressing-case have no mark or cipher.

This unfortunate couple arrived at the hotel on Wednesday afternoon, each carrying a small valise in hand. The gentleman asked for a good room. Being told that there was only one, on the fourth floor, the lady said: "Never mind; we can change to-morrow." They did not come down for dinner, which provoked notice, though not alarm; but at 9 on Thursday, no response being made to knocking the door was broken open, and the strangers, half undressed, were found dead in bed, locked in each other's arms. On the counterpane was an empty phial, which had contained prussic acid. A full bottle of laudanum was on the night-table.

The Police report states that whereas the woman had been dead ten hours, the body of the man was warm when found. Hence the conjecture that possibly the murder led to a remorseful suicide. The marks on the linen of both were clumsily cut out with scissors, and the rags burned in the fire-place, but a ticket in the man's hat showed that it was bought of MacCarthy & Co., No. 30 Ludgatehill and No. 30 Gresham street. This is the only clue to the identity. Telegrams to the London Police have not yet produced any information. The woman had no wedding-ring, but a turquoise ring reversed to simulate one. She was in an advanced state of pregnancy."

THE INUNDATION.

EXTENT OF THE OVERFLOW IN LOUISIANA, ARKANSAS, AND MISSISSIPPI.

The New-Orleans *Picayune* of the 3d inst. says that a quarter of Louisiana and a large portion of Arkansas and Mississippi were then under water, and it goes into detail as follows:

"Of the fifty-three parishes of Louisiana, thirty-one are partially or entirely covered by the inundation; Moorehouse, Carroll, Madison, Franklin, Ouachita, Union, Richland, Caldwell, Tensas, Catahoula, Concordia, Avoyelles, Pointe, Coupet, St. Landry, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Assumption, Ascension, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. Helena, East Feliciana, Livingston, and St. Tammany. These parishes contain about 375,000 people—one-half of the whole population and seven-twelfths of the agricultural, laboring, or producing population of the State—upon whom not only New-Orleans is dependent, but also the North and Europe itself for clothing and supplies. The lands overflowed are calculated at about 2,300,000 acres, about one-fourth of which was under cultivation in corn, cotton, and sugar when the flood began.

Looking at the various sections thus afflicted we find first the Yazoo Valley. Here the Mississippi has broken through at Hushpakanas and Bolivar and transformed the whole Yazoo Valley into an inland lake. Along the Amite, from its source in Mississippi to Lake Pontchartrain, the low lands are all under water, washing out a poor but industrious class of people, almost all white. The Pearl River overflow is more of a freshet than a flood; the lands alone are answerable for it. The bridges between New-Orleans and the North have been washed away, and the saw mills along that stream, that supplied New-Orleans and the South-west with lumber, have suffered a great deal.

In Arkansas, although the Chicot and St. Francis crevasses cover some 1,600,000 acres, yet they have not caused such loss as in other parts of the country, as, for instance, the Ouachita and Black River inundations. Here the condition is most frightfully appalling with little chance of relief for months to come. For over 200 miles the Ouachita has spread out its stream to from ten to fifty miles wide. When the inhabitants fled to the back lands with their property, they encountered the waters flowing from the Mississippi crevasses. Thus between two floods their only refuge was the housetops, where they are now living, having lost their cattle, their clothing, even their power to work.

The four great cotton parishes of Madison, Tensas, Concordia, and Carroll are filled by quite a number of crevasses at Bass, quarter of a mile wide, Point Loo'cout, Hard Times, Buck Ridge, Glasscock, half a mile wide; all of them averaging seven feet in depth, and opening the country to an artificial river to miles in width. Just below the mouth of Red River occur the two most murderous crevasses in the State, the Morganza and Hickey; the Morganza, nearly a mile wide, running at the rate of 2 knots, and the Hickey, a third of a mile in width, ten feet deep, and pouring in at the rate of nine and a half miles an hour. After covering the river-front parishes of Point Coupé, West Baton Rouge, and Iberville, the water from the crevasses swelled the Atchafalaya, Lafourche and Teche to such a volume as to overflow every parish on its course to the Gulf—Landry, Lafourche, Lafayettee, Terrebonne, St. Mary, and others. Here the waters deal double destruction, overflowing the richest alluvial country in the world, and destroying one-third of the sugar crop of the State. Back of this belt, which is filled with settlers, Cadians and others, who are dependent on their hunting, and the products of their fields and their cattle for support from day to day. Several lives have been lost here. Those who remain are crying for food and clothing. Below New-Orleans, in Plaquemines, almost the whole country has been inundated.

To sum up the flood from Memphis to the Passes, the crevasses are over fifty miles in width. Through them flow streams greater and more powerful than the mighty Mississippi, and watered and fertilized only this devoted country 2,000,000,000 cubic feet of water every hour. Not only is this water thrown on the land, but it must find its way to the sea through 600 miles of low alluvial lands. It is not hyperbole, then, to say that this inundation is more than double the far-famed Amazon, whose mouth is 250 miles in width. The loss to the crops has been calculated as follows: Cotton, 300,000 bales; sugar, 40,000 hogsheads, and almost a total destruction of the tobacco and rice crops, the last one of the most promising and ever increasing industries of Louisiana."

THE INTERN PRINCESS MARIA OF ROUMANIA.

A correspondent writes to the London *Times*, from Bucharest, under the signature "F. B.": "Thursday, April 9, the national flag, floating half-mast high on the Bucharest Palace, announced to the inhabitants that their little Princess was no more. She was a beautiful and lovable child, three and a half years old, and only four days previous in apparently rude health, but suddenly fell a victim to scarlatina. A most sincere regret and sympathy pervades all classes for the Prince and his excellent wife, the Princess Elizabeth De Wied, the more particularly as it was their only child, though their marriage was celebrated the 15th of November, 1869. The Salic law prevailing here, the Roumanians were not mourning for the loss of an heir to the throne, but in pure sympathy for the affliction of the parents, both of whom are thoroughly liked and respected for their domestic virtues. According to Continental custom, interment follows rapidly after death; in consequence, the remains of the poor babe were the same evening conveyed, escorted by troops of cavalry, to the Summer Palace, formerly the residence of Monsieur de Controceni, and the following day, at 2 P. M., was appointed for the funeral service in the church in which it had been baptized. The Summer Palace is situated about five miles from the City of Bucharest. The day being pre-eminently fine, the road presented an unbroken line of pedestrians and carriages, the latter being mostly open. The Ministers, officers, civic authorities, and foreign Consuls were all in full court costume, the Boyards and civilians in full dress, and their ladies in the deepest mourning, but their somber toilets were still the very acme of taste and luxury (*par parenthèse*, the Roumanian ladies surpass in richness and elegance Parisian toilets.) Throughout the whole length of the road on each side at intervals of about twenty yards were sergents-de-ville or military Police. Nearly all the public and a large portion of the private carriages being open, the scene, though melancholy, was most brilliant, and if one could have divested one's mind of the sadness and solemnity of the occasion, one might have fancied it was occasioned by a Queen's drawing-room or fête at the Botanical Gardens. On arriving at the monastery all left their carriages and passed on foot within its ancient walls to the church, making their way through crowds of troops supporting the lines of officers draped in crape. The front row was entirely composed of superior officers, with crape on the left arm, and at their sword handles. All the troops had crape on the left arm All branches of the military and navy were represented. On entering the sacred edifice the blaze of light from the hundreds of wax lights in the gorgeous chandeliers, the funeral *torchères*, and the votive and other *cierges*, was dazzling. In the midst of this temple, beneath the dome, raised on an elevated bier, reposed the earthly remains of the beloved child, inclosed in a coffin covered with white satin ornamented with broad silver lace. It was almost as large as that of an adult, which was, doubtless, explained by the remains being inclosed in several shells. The upper part of the coffin and bier was covered by wreaths of the richest flowers. Ranged round this funereal altar were young girls clad in white from head to foot, their faces being veiled with semi-transparent veils, their heads being crowned with wreaths of violets and their waists girdled with the same. The Greek church are all comparatively small, so that not one-tenth of the rich assistants could be accommodated within. It is not the custom to sit in them, there being but a few seats ranged around the walls. Place was made for the ladies directly behind the young girls, and behind them stood the officials and officers. No ladies but in the deepest mourning were allowed access to the church. As soon as the service commenced some of the ministering priests distributed to each gentleman in the church long wax *cierges* decorated with black crape bows. In the Greek Church no organ or other musical instrument is used. The service is chanted by the priests, assisted by a choir of very young boys. At interval hymns and anthems resounded through the aisle till, the service concluded, the coffin was transferred by superior officers to a portable bier, also covered in white, ornamented with silver lace and flowers on the coffin it supported. The same, preceded by the priests and choir, and followed by all the assistants in procession, passed out of the church, and in front of that portion of the monastery which for some years has been fitted and used by Prince Charles as his Summer Palace. The cortège then, by circuitous walks through the palace gardens, descended to the valley 100 feet beneath the monastery, from its plateau, dominates the country around for miles. The priests in their superb robes the whole way swinging and agitating their censers left in their train transparent clouds of sweet odors. The long procession of thousands having descended to the valley, again ascended the hillside to a small enclosed space where the tumuli of fresh earth denoted the poor child's resting-place. It had been the favorite spot where it had in its little l fe sported, and where half a dozen days previously it had been playing with its nurse. Just about this spot on the heights overlooking it were hundreds of young girls clothed in white, who united with the choir their silvery voices, and behind these thousands of sympathizing persons of all degrees. From valley to hilltop hymns filled the air with sweet sounds as the funereal flowers filled it with sweet odors. When the little body was lowered into its sylvan grave, few eyes surrounding it saw clearly, for all were dimmed by tears. Then came the awful thud of the clay on the coffin, sounding the mournful requiem of the last earthly farewell, and the mourners and spectators dispersed."

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MAY 7.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

100	Western Union	71⅝	100	North-western	42⅜
1800	do	71¾	400	do	42⅝
1500	do	71⅞	100	do	42⅝
200	do	71⅞	100	do	42⅝
400	do	71⅝	200	do	42⅝
100	do	71⅝	100	do	42⅜
1100	do	71⅝	1300	do	42¼
100	do	71⅝	300	do	42
300	do	71⅝	300	do	41⅞
1500	do	71⅜	300	do	41⅝
200	do	71⅜	500	Union Pacific	31¼
500	do	71⅜	100	do	31⅜
3400	do	71⅝	400	do	31⅜
1600	do	71⅝	1100	do	31
1100	do	71⅝	100	do	31
700	do	71⅝	500	do	31⅛
500	do	71⅝	300	do	31⅛
300	do	71⅝	100	do	31⅛
300	do	71⅝	300	do	31⅛
1100	do	71⅝	300	do	31⅛
900	do	71⅝	1600	do	31
200	do	71⅝	300	do	31
900	do	71¾	1600	do	31
200	N. Y. C. & Hud	97⅞	200	do	30⅞
300	Lake Shore	74⅞	200	do	30¼
100	do	75	500	Union Pacific	30⅜
1500	do	74⅝	500	do	30⅜
1400	do	74⅝	200	do	30⅜
400	do	74⅝	200	do	30⅜
300	do	74⅝	100	do	30⅜
1100	do	74⅝	100	Tol. & Wabash	39⅜
1400	do	74⅝	200	do	39¼
100	do	74⅝	100	Ohio & Miss	23⅞
200	do	74⅝	700	do	23⅞
100	do	74⅝	100	do	23⅞
200	do	74⅝	100	do	23⅞
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FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

AN AUSTRIAN MECCA.

A correspondent of *Galignani's Messenger* writes to that journal: "As from the East we have descriptions from the Holy Land, so can we from the West send to the believers at a distance accounts of those performed here, in this little corner of the earth, known to but a few, sunk in the bosom of gigantic Alps, and which might be justly named the Holy Land of Austria. This nineteenth century, this age of progress and increased civilization, has but little sympathy with the period of miracles or of blind belief. We all know this, repeat it, and are convinced of it. Hence those who are led by chance into such a district as this resort of the pious, known as Mariazell (Mary's Cell) must be amazed at what they see there, at the testimonies of belief, of illimitable faith, of the poetry of fanaticism strained to its highest extent. Mariazell, a village containing barely 1,000 inhabitants, is built on a most picturesque site, in the middle of a charming valley, surrounded by wooded mountains, and possesses a church of extreme magnificence, which is the object of the celebrated pilgrimages. The origin of this building dates from the year 1157, when a brother of the Benedictine Order of St. Lambrec ht, wishing to enlighten the ignorant mountaineers on religious subjects, settled here as a missionary, and erected a wooden cell, in which he deposited an image of the Virgin, which he had brought with him from his monastery in Carinthia. This image of the Madonna was soon considered miraculous, and became the adored patronesse of the inhabitants of the village. To degrees the belief in it spread to the frontiers of Styria. Pilgrims flocked in from Moravia, Bohemia, Hungary, and Austria. It was hardly fifty years after the Benedictine friar had constructed the cell in the midst of the mountains that an event happened which gave Mariazell historic fame. A Princess of the House of Austria and her husband, the Margrave Henry of Moravia, brother to Ottocar I., King of Bohemia, fell ill. They both had the same dream. A vision appeared to them and promised them a return of health if they would make a vow to endow a modest cell to be found in a valley then well known in Styria. Restored to health, the Margrave and his wife, accompanied by a numerous suite, undertook the journey to discover this cell. They wandered about for several days, and at last came on the cell, which by their care was soon replaced by a stone chapel which still exists in the middle of the church, and is the great object of resort of the pilgrims. Still later, in 1363, the reigning King of Hungary, Louis I., having been victorious in a war which he had carried on with an enemy whose army was much more numerous than his own, inclosed the chapel in a Gothic church. He also presented it with many precious gifts; among others, an image of the Virgin, which is to be found in the treasury of Mariazell. After that the place became more and more popular, and every one brought an offering. Altars were erected on every side, and the church was found not to be large enough for the number of pilgrims who resorted there. In 1646, the Emperor Ferdinand III. of Austria made a pilgrimage there, and meeting the Abbé of the Benedictines of St. Lambrecht expressed to him a desire to see the church improved. A celebrated Roman architect, Dominico Sciassia, was sent for, who designed and built the church as it is at present. Gifts poured in from every side. In 1757, the original chapel was surrounded with a silver railing, the gift of the Empress Maria Theresa, who visited the place with all the Princes and Princesses of the imperial family. In the same year 373,000 pilgrims visited the sacred edifice. During the different wars and foreign invasions of Austria the church also served as a refuge. In 1805 it was used as a place of detention for the Austrian prisoners taken by the French. In 1827, on All Saints' night, a conflagration destroyed a part of the building, but it was soon restored at the expense of the numerous visitors who went there. Although in that case the protection of the Holy Virgin seemed to have been dormant in allowing her shrine to be the prey of fire, still at every period of necessity up to the present time, the Austrian Sovereigns have had recourse with the utmost confidence to the Madonna of Mariazell. This illustrious example is followed by the believers in the Empire belonging to all classes of society, and by all the nationalities composing the divers provinces which belong to the Austrian crown. In each of the gifts offered it is often possible to recognize the worldly rank held by the donor. Here are rich presents of gold and silver treasures of every sort. There are modest gifts which have perhaps cost the giver some sacrifices. Besides the costly offerings, there are to be found in the church and in the chapels contiguous a great number of pictures that might be named 'the miraculous gallery.' There are pictures of all sizes and varied artistic merit offered by the pilgrims and representing miraculous events which have occurred to themselves through the intervention of the Madonna. Many of the believers coming from Hungary and Bohemia perform the whole, or the greater part, of the journey on foot. The number of pilgrims has, nevertheless, sensibly diminished within the last few years. Before that it has amounted to from 120,000 to 130,000 per annum. Last year only 80,000 went there. This year still fewer. Is it that the zeal for these pleasant journeys is flagging? It is true that a Ministerial order forbade the assembling *en masse* on account of the cholera. Its devotees enter the church on their knees, and in that position make the tour of the church and of the altar where rests the figure of the Virgin, to whom they make their appeals. It is supposed that the effigy to be seen there now, covered with diamonds and other precious stones, long ago replaced the modest image that the humble friar bore in his own arms from Carinthia. The treasures of Mariazell include offerings from the great of every country. Mass is often performed in the chapel. The altar, which is in the form of a tent, was formerly of solid silver. The precious objects about it have most of them been given by the Austrian Sovereigns. There are presents from Maria Theresa and her daughter Caroline, Queen of the two Sicilies; from Don Miguel, of Portugal; from Charles III., the Spanish King who came to Mariazell; from the Count De Chambord, the Duchess De Parma, Marie Louise, the Pope Pio Nono, the Prince and Princess of Hohenlohe, the Queen of the Belgians, and many other famous people of other countries. One of these presents was the result of a conversion *in extremis*. It is a gold pen studded with diamonds that belonged to the author Zacharie Werner, who, having written much against the abuses of the Church, offered the pen to the treasury of Mariazell in expiation of his conduct. The village even is very wealthy; the inhabitants are for the most part landlords and hotel-keepers, who live during the rest of the year on the gains made out of the pilgrims, who have to pay dearly enough for their visit to the miraculous Virgin. The church, which is situated in a spacious place, is surrounded by shops where are sold at high prices all the devotional articles which the pious pilgrims could possibly require. In the middle of the place is a rotunda, where, in the sheds established there, the faithful can buy, always by paying well, all the offerings possible for the ornamentation of the church, the altar, &c. Everything coming to Mariazell bears the odor of sanctity. Nevertheless, the material well-being of the people tends rather to decrease instead of to augment. The number of pilgrims diminishes from year to year. Their ardor for processions fails. The chaplets, the rosaries, the crowns await buyers! Will Mariazell and her pilgrimages become but a simple religious legend in the future?"

SWITZERLAND AND THE PAPACY.

Under date of April 14, the Geneva correspondent of the London *Standard* writes: An account has just been published of an interview between the Pope and a prominent member of the Swiss National Council, which will lead to the opinion that the Vatican is about to try more conciliatory measures with the Governments which are resisting its aggressions. The Deputy, though a Roman Catholic, is not at all remarkable for his obedience to the behests of his clerical advisers, and, perhaps, would form one of those through whom any compromise in the relations between Church and State in the Confederation would be effected. The accuracy of the reports of many interviews has been so frequently denied of late that a certain degree of caution is necessary in believing all that one hears of conversations with exalted personages, but in this instance the substance of the account is understood to be in the main authentic. The principal topic was the intentions of his Holiness in his further dealings with Switzerland, if what the Ultramontanes are pleased to call the present system of persecution is persisted in. Mgr. Mermillod was, it is said, the Ex-Bishop of Hale, continues to hurl denunciations from their safe retreats across the French frontier at the devoted heads of the Federal authorities, and promise that maledictions and anathemas innumerable shall fall on the supporters of the Anti-Papal policy. Cardinal Antonelli, who was present at the interview referred to, spoke more in sorrow than in anger of the differences existing in the Confederation; and while deploring the measures taken by the Government of Berne relative to the Roman Catholic curés and the population of the Bernese Jura, stated that the letters and sermons of the exiled Bishops exaggerated the ideas which the Holy See entertained of its probable course of action in the matter. A point on which, it is said, the Cardinal seemed anxious for information was the relation between Prince Bismarck and the Swiss Government, and the influence of the former in bringing about the conflicts in Switzerland. Again and again have the Roman Catholic clergy who have been deprived of their offices attributed the animus against the Papacy to the occult schemes of the German statesman, and their *confrères* in the neighboring departments of France, assisted by the Ultramontane press, have thereby created an intense feeling against the Swiss in general for their supposed secret alliance with the German in their ecclesiastical policy. The reply of the Swiss councilor to those queries was, it is stated, an utter denial of any communication or understanding with Germany with regard to the religious movement, and an opinion that any attempt to influence public opinion in that way would most likely have a quite opposite tendency, for his compatriots are extremely jealous of outside interference. The suppression of the Apostolic nunciature four or five months ago was also referred to, and Cardinal Antonelli, the account says, expressed his great desire for its re-establishment, and his sanguine hopes of success in that direction. Some conversation as to the possibility of an intervention of some of the Great Powers, under the Treaty of Vienna, closed the interview. The Pope took only a small part in it, beyond expressing his strong regrets at the condition to which "the faithful" were reduced. An instance of the reliable (!) information he receives on the subject is to be found in the statement he had just received that some of the expelled Jurassien curés were obliged to beg their bread in the streets of Besançon.

LIP READING.

The London *Times* of April 2 says: "Lord Granville presided yesterday at the examination of the children who are being educated under the direction of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, at No. 12 Fitzroy square. Rabelais tells of a young Italian—one Nello de Gabriellis—who, though deaf, understood all that was said by merely watching the lips of speakers. Nevertheless, up to the present time the system of teaching the deaf and dumb to communicate by means of signs has usually obtained. In the last century, however, Amman, a Swiss physician, then living in Holland, taught his pupils to watch closely with their eyes the changes which came over his face and lips when he uttered words, and then to imitate those changes before a mirror. Perfected in Holland and Germany, this system is now taught by Mr. Van Praagh, assisted by three ladies, at No. 12 Fitzroy square. There are now thirty-six children on the books, the entries on which began at Midsummer, 1872, with the names of four. The school is entirely a day school, and those children whose parents do not reside in the neighborhood are received into families near Fitzroy square. The school is not confined to any class in particular, and all the children contribute to the cost of instruction. It is not a charity. But in order to disseminate its advantages, and more particularly to make it available as a normal school for teachers, subscriptions are asked for and a list was yesterday read, which included donations from Lord Granville, Mr. Edward Majoribanks, several members of the house of Rothschild, Messrs. Robarts, Lubbock & Co., Sir Edward Ryan, Sir John Lubbock, and Mr. F. D. Mocatta. The report having been read, Lord Granville moved its adoption, and said that ably-drawn document relieved him from the necessity of making many observations. They would best perceive the results of the training given by means of the examination, and he saw present a distinguished stranger who wished to inform himself of the working of the association. At one time the deaf and dumb were treated like fools and idiots, and left to pass a miserable existence almost in the manner of dumb animals. The System Sicard did much to relieve them, and had become provalent, but the great advantage of the system so successfully introduced at their own institution was that whereas other methods put the learner in communication only with those who know the same system, this method restores the pupil to conversation with society in general. There is no comparison between the effect of this system and that carried on by signs in stimulating the faculties. Visiting the school some months before, he had found it most interesting to note not only the progress made by the children, but especially the zest and pleasure which they showed in learning, their cheerful and healthful bearing. They now look for general support in carrying out an experiment which had often been tried long enough to make sure of success. Dr. Dassent seconded the resolution. He explained that the children taught by the association are not without the organs of speech, but are, like the vast majority of the so-called deaf and dumb, deficient in the sense of hearing alone. By the aid of those undeveloped organs are called into play, and the children sent into the world capable of conversing with their fellows. Mr. Van Praagh afterward briefly explained the plan of tuition, and invited visitors to come to the school during the time when the ordinary work is going on. The children being now called before him by their classes, the little ones repeated whatever he said, although they were born and are now absolutely deaf. The teacher coughed and asked a little boy what was that, who said 'A cough.' Another said: 'How do you do?' after him, and wrote the words down upon a blackboard. 'Give me a picture,' said the speaker, and a little boy ran and brought a painting of a farm-yard. Asked the attributes of the several animals there represented, the children classified them by slow and foreign accents. 'The cow gives milk,' 'The ducks swim in the water,' 'The bee gives honey.' A higher class repeated and wrote down strings of figures, like 26,000,003, and worked sums in 'bills of parcels.' Some good work was exhibited in drawing, a pursuit for which the deaf and dumb often display much taste. In this section a pupil of the school has been decorated by the Science and Art Department of the Committee of Council on Education with a second grade certificate. The pupils are well instructed in geography, the girls in fancy and needle-work. In answering questions some of them displayed remarkable intelligence. One described a visit to Wales with her sisters; another child, being asked for what Oxford and Cambridge were famous, replied, with uncommon satire, 'Telegraph race.' The list of those present included Mr. Jefferson Davis, to whom, in his opening speech, Lord Granville was understood to refer."

THE NEW SWISS CONSTITUTION.

A correspondent of the London *Standard* writes from Geneva, April 21: "The semi-official report of the vote on the revision of the Constitution, which took place throughout Switzerland on Sunday, shows, as had been anticipated, a considerable majority in favor of the modified scheme. The figures, as nearly as they can be ascertained, are 321,870 for and 177,800 against the proposal on the popular vote, while the requisite majority of the cantons has also been obtained, only seven cantons and three half cantons opposing. Simple as have been the alterations made in the revision submitted to the *plebiscitum* in 1872, then rejected, they have produced an extraordinary change in public feeling in many districts, and it must be regarded as a triumph for the revisionists to have changed an adverse vote of 5,000 into such a sweeping majority as 144,000. That result is, perhaps, more to be attributed to the widespread sensation of the provisions of the revised Constitution than to any internal changes; but still the slight concessions made have served to remove the fears of many who dreaded the effects of a policy of centralization. One of the most striking inferences to be drawn from Sunday's vote is the friendlier feeling which is springing up in French Switzerland toward the German-speaking portion of the Confederation. A constitutional struggle has existed for a long time between the two sections of the country, and it was urged without ceasing that the difference of language, marking the difference of races, showed two distinct nationalities, united only by a defensive contract and a community of interests. The *Suisse Romande* always exhibited a certain amount of jealousy at the supremacy which the city of Berne, of West Parsons, is said to have, and which represents a face of even lower type. But far more artistic than the masks is a human head, weighing more than four pounds, in virgin gold, the lips and the lower jaw being apparently fastened with the gag which prevents victims from yelling as they are brought up for sacrifice at the customs which some fondly hope have now been abolished. The sandals and the cap of King Koffee, the property of Lord Gifford, and composed of leopard skins and gold bands, are very notable, but hardly anything raises greater speculation than a rosary with a golden copy of what Ultramontanes call the 'Sacred Heart,' which begets a suspicion that some Jesuit priest may have penetrated to Coomassie, there become 'cold missionary,' and had his 'charms' there imitated in pure gold, as giving additional value to white man's fetiah. A couple of eagles off the arms of Koffee's throne and two stags, also in gold, off the back of the royal seat, bear testimony to the dire straits to which his Ashantee Majesty was driven. There is an armadillo cap with head and ornamental claws in gold, and adorned with silver and gold plaques, and with a bunch of dyed feathers, which we believe once set off the graces of some young beau of Coomassie. Many are the necklaces with cleverly-traced patterns, obviously cast in red clay, some of them certainly derived from European patterns, others imitating the cowrie shells common to the whole of the west coast of Africa. Among the gold ornaments used as rings—consisting chiefly of savage devices representing human jaws and other parts of the body—there is not one more striking than an English sovereign of 1872, which has had a golden ring soldered on to the middle of the Queen's head, so that the device of St. George and the Dragon became a sort of signet of the ring. Then there are swords with golden hilts which were borne before the royal throne, the edges of these weapons being serrated so as to make a blow from them produce a wound as ugly as possible, although, by the structure of the hilt, it would be next to impossible for a European to hit anything with them, however skillful the aim. There are fans of lions' tails, used by Ashantee sportsmen or soldiers, for whisking away the gunpowder fumes of their flint-locks, and lions' hides are also used in forming the sheaths of large carving-knives, which have dispatched many a soul in search of those of its ancestors. Several pieces of native cloth may also interest the spectator, but it needs some little skill to tell what is really native and what has been produced in Lancashire to suit native taste.

THE NEW SWISS CONSTITUTION.

The general object of the new Constitution just submitted to the cantonal and popular vote throughout Switzerland is the introduction of the modern European system of national organization. The settlement of 1815 was a simple fact, the tie between the different Cantons being loose. Even the Constitution of 1848 left the twenty-two Cantons in the possession of many of the functions of free and sovereign States. At that time there were many advocates of a closer union among the Cantons, and in the progress of years the party which demanded that Switzerland should be made a nation, and not a mere confederation of semi-sovereign States, grew in numbers and in power. Every proposition as it gained strength, the Conservatives, or those who were for "letting well alone," rallied in support of the existing Constitution. The struggle was ripe for an issue in 1872, when a revision of the Constitution was proposed by the National Party. Then, as now, the priests were opposed to the change, and headed the opposition to the measure. On the 12th of May in that year, the proposed new *Loi Fédérale*, which aimed at a concentration of authority in regard to the military resources of the Confederation, its laws, religion, education, &c., was put to the vote. In amendments at the Constitution it is necessary that a double vote should be taken—that of the cantons and that of the people at large—and a majority of each is necessary to the adoption of the proposed changes. The voting in this instance was peculiar hostile to the reformers. The cantons heard "*Oui*" and 13 "*Non*," while in regard to the popular vote the numbers were: "*Oui*," 255,609; "*Non*," 260,859, making a majority of 5,250 against the change. The defeat of the Nationalists was not so severe as to induce them to abandon the hope that they might succeed at a future time, and since the year 1872 active preparations for renewing the struggle were made. These exertions culminated in the scheme of reform submitted to the vote on Sunday. This scheme differs in many respects from the one proposed in 1872, which was, in many of its features, a more sweeping and radical measure. It was found necessary to conciliate the opponents of the reform by making concessions to their feelings and prejudices. Yet still the Constitution of 1874 is a constitution of reform, and makes serious changes in the revised Constitution of 1848. It makes Switzerland a homogeneous nation, raises it to the rank of a respectable military power, equalizes its laws, establishes secular and compulsory education, deprives the priests of much of their power and privileges, and completely subjects ecclesiastical authority to the civil power. Every citizen is liable to serve in the army; the right to call them out and dispose of them is given to the Central Government. The warlike material—arms, stores, fortifications, &c.—will be claimed and transferred to the central authority. In religious matters the changes are of equal importance. The civil authorities are entitled to "take the necessary measures for the maintenance of public order and peace between the members of the different religious communities, as well as against the encroachments of ecclesiastical authority on the rights of citizens," (Article 50.) By the same article the civil power can interfere in all matters relating to the creation of new religious communities or the division of old ones; and by subsequent articles it is provided that no bishopric shall be created without permission, that no new convents are to be founded or old ones re-established, that the burial grounds are to be at the disposal of the State, that the performance of marriage is not to be refused on any grounds of religious incapability, that children born before marriage are legitimatized by the marriage of their parents, that the old law of expulsion and exclusion against the Jesuits is maintained and extended to all other religious orders, "the conduct of which is dangerous to the State or disturbs the peace between creeds." There are other remarkable features in the new Constitution, though inferior in importance to the foregoing. Among them are the uniform application of the law of bankruptcy and other laws compulsory primary education, and the abolition of the penalty of death and of corporal punishment. In short, the new Constitution is a measure on a scale almost equivalent to a revolution.

LEDOCHOWSKI AND THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.

The telegraph announces that the Ecclesiastical Court of Berlin has pronounced the dismissal of Archbishop Ledochowski:

The indictment against him was divided into six classes of infractions by that prelate of the laws of May, 1873. The first relates to the employment of the Polish language for religious instruction in the colleges of Posen. The Government having invited the Professors of that branch of education to give their lessons in German, with the reserve of certain exceptions specified in the ministerial decision, the Archbishop ordered them to take no notice of that injunction, and the majority of teachers obeyed him, they were nearly all discharged.

The offenses of the second division relate to the publication of the resolutions of the Fulda Episcopal Conference.

Those of the third concern violations of the law of May 11, 1873, on the nomination of ecclesiastics. The charge enumerates five appointed by that prelate without the assent of the Government, the prosecutions instituted against him on that head resulted in his condemnation to a series of fines, the total of which amounts to 4,000 thalers, and for which has been substituted, in consequence of the refusal of the Archbishop to pay, an imprisonment of two years, which the condemned is at this moment undergoing at Ostrowo.

The fourth group of offenses mentioned in the indictment bear in the refusal of Mgr. Ledochowski to name definitive occupants to different cures long since vacant.

Then comes, as the fifth, the excommunication pronounced against the Abbé Schreiber, the only professor of religious instruction that submitted to the prescriptions of the Government and not to the orders of his ecclesiastical superior.

The last charge of all relates to the refusal of the Archbishop to resign his functions, as he had been invited to do by the Superior President of the Province in a letter of Nov. 24, 1873, in conformity with article 24 of the law of May 12 in the same year. Mgr. Ledochowski replied to that summons by saying that he was not at all surprised at it, but could not comply because a Catholic Bishop can never be degraded from his post.

Such, in substance, are the different offenses which led to the citation of the Archbishop before the special court charged to take cognizance of ecclesiastical offenses. It is known that the accused refused to attend, although the superior authorities had left him the faculty of proceeding from Ostrowo to Berlin in order to appear in court. The Public Prosecutor supported the accusation with energy. "Respect to the authority of the laws," he said, "was an essential condition of the life of States. The idea of any man having a right to interpret legal enactments in his own fashion, and can submit to them or not, according to his own views, is a notion essentially revolutionary, and subversive of all order. Even in the days of the Middle Ages individual such thoughts would be dangerous; but how much more so when put forward by an Archbishop." The speaker, in conclusion, insisted on the revocation of Monsigneur Ledochowski, and the court, after deliberating for three quarters of an hour, adhered to that recommendation.

SAPPHIRES IN COLORADO.

The Denver (Col.) *News* of the 3d inst. says: "A miner who has been engaged for some months past working in the bars along the Platte for five or six miles above Denver had the good fortune to find several sapphires, which he saved without knowing anything about their value. One day last week, a stranger who was prospecting along the river was shown the stones, when he bought the largest one for two dollars. He brought it to town, and upon a test it was pronounced a sapphire and a very fine one. It was placed in the hands of I. Haberl, lapidary, to be cut. The rough stone weighed nineteen and a half carats, and yesterday he delivered to the owner a beautifully cut gem therefrom, weighing full twelve carets, and valued at $500. The miner was also in town yesterday, and became very much astonished upon learning the value of the pebble he had parted with for a two-dollar greenback. He left two more with Mr. Haberl and proposes to enjoy, himself, some of the profits of their polishing. The gentleman who bought the first-mentioned stone is experienced in such things, though a comparative stranger in this region. In the past week he has himself found within two miles of Denver an emerald which he believes still more valuable than the sapphire, and a very fine water agate, which will produce a beautiful gem of strawberry color. He has sent the emerald east. Three diamonds have been exhibited in Denver in the past week, that the owner said were found in Colorado and east of the range. We cannot vouch for the truth of this report, but there is no question as to the fact that the others were all found within less than six miles of the Denver Post Office."

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR ELEVATORS AND COMBINED ELEVATORS AND STAIRS FOR THE UNITED STATES COURT-HOUSE AND POST OFFICE, NEW-YORK CITY.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, May 4, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent until 12 M. of the 1st day of June, 1874, for furnishing, delivering, fitting, and putting in place the elevators and combined elevators and stairs of corner pavilion—all as exhibited on the drawings, described in the specifications, or called for in the schedule.

Copies of the drawings, specifications, and schedule may be had on application at this office.

All scaffolding required by the contractors to put the work in place will be furnished by the Government free of charge, but will be erected by the contractors.

Proposals will be made for each elevator complete, and for each combined elevator and stair complete.

The elevators of Divisions I. and II. must be completed within three months from date of acceptance of proposal, and the combined elevators and stairs within six months from same date.

The contractors will be required to guarantee their work for a period of two years.

Payments will be made for each elevator on its completion, less ten (10) per cent., which will be retained until the elevators have been satisfactorily tested for the period of six months.

All bids must be accompanied by a penal bond, in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, ($25,000,) that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded him, the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the district wherein he resides.

The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so, or to award each division to a different bidder, as its option. Any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained at this office, and does not conform to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposal be received from parties who are not engaged in the manufacture of elevators.

Proposals will be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bids for Elevators, &c.," and addressed to

C. T. BULLARD, Superintendent.

PROPOSALS FOR WROUGHT-IRON FURRING AND LATHING FOR THE UNITED STATES COURT-HOUSE AND POST OFFICE AT NEW-YORK CITY.

UNITED STATES COURT-HOUSE AND POST OFFICE, NEW-YORK CITY, OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, May 4, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent until 12 M. of the 18th day of May, 1874, for furnishing, delivering, fitting, and putting in place the whole of the Wrought-iron Furring and Lathing required for the building.

Copies of the specification may be had and the plans seen on application at this office.

All scaffolding required by the contractors to put the work in place will be furnished by the Government free of charge, but will be erected by the contractors.

Payments will be made monthly, deducting ten per cent, until the final completion of the contract.

Each bid must be accompanied by a penal bond of two responsible persons, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, ($10,000,) that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded him, the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the district wherein he resides.

The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so, or to subdivide the various items of work among the different bidders at its option. Every bid must be made on the printed form to be obtained at this office, and must conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement.

Proposals will not be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the manufacture of wrought-iron furring and lathing, and who have not the necessary facilities for getting out the work.

Proposals will be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid for Wrought-iron Furring and Lathing," and addressed to

CALVIN T. HULBURD, Superintendent.

NOTICE TO IRON CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR WROUGHT-IRON BEAMS, GIRDERS, &c., AND CAST-IRON COLUMNS, LINTELS, &c.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, May 1, 1874.

Proposals will be received by the undersigned until 12 M. of THURSDAY, the 14th May, for furnishing, delivering, and setting in place the wrought-iron floor beams, girders, &c., with their connections, for the New-York Post-Office, also cast-iron columns, lintels, mullions, &c., for the building proposed to be erected in Cedar and Pine sts., between Broadway and Nassau st.

The wrought-iron work will amount to about 230 tons and the cast-iron to about 190 tons.

Each proposal must be sealed and addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Proposals for Iron Work," (with the name of the proposer.) The proposal must be accompanied by the guarantee of a responsible surety to the amount of $15,000, for the execution of a contract and the faithful performance of the work under it, if awarded to the proposer.

Blank forms of proposals, contract specifications, and schedules of the work can be obtained at the office signed for and after Saturday, the 9th inst., at his office, where, also, the plans of the work may be seen and further information obtained.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

THEODORE WESTON,
Superintending Engineer,
No. 120 Broadway, New-York.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

The Directors invite tenders for the supply of 6,000 TONS OF COAL

for use in their ferry steamers on the Detroit River, delivered on rail or vessel at their dock, at Windsor, in about equal monthly proportions to the end of August. Also, for 15,000 TONS OF COAL

for use in their locomotives, about half to be delivered free on board cars on the company's premises at Suspension Bridge, and the remainder at Hamilton, up to the end of September. This coal to be "Beaver Hill," or coal of equal quality.

All coal to be good round Lump Coal, free from slack, and subject to the company's weights at receiving points.

Tenders sealed and marked "Tender for Coal," addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to the 10th May next.

Cash payments monthly.

JOSEPH PRICE, General Manager.
GENERAL OFFICES, HAMILTON, April 29, 1874.

PROPOSALS FOR THE LAYING OF FORCE, Main, and Distributing Pipe for the College Point Water Works will be received until 7 P. M., May 9, 1874. Specifications and blank proposals can be obtained at the office of ROSSI & FRAME, Civil Engineers, Main st., Flushing. Proposals will be addressed at their office, and indorsed "Proposals for Laying Water Pipe."

SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against SIMON LARAYEN Y ARANZABE, late of the City of Matanzas, Cuba, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his office of Condert Brothers, Attorneys, &c., No. 49 Wall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 22d day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 18th day of December, 1873.

MARIA DE LA CONCEPCION ARANZABE,
Administratrix with the will annexed.
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PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF OWEN T. Coffin, Surrogate of the County of Westchester, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of WILLIAM S. BERRIEN, late of the town of West Farms, in said county, deceased, to present the same, with the vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased, at his place of transacting business, No. 102 Second Avenue, in the City of New-York, on or before the 20th day of July, A. D. 1874.—Dated this 12th day of January, A. D. 1874.

RICHARD P. BERRIEN,
Administrator.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOHN PRIESTLEY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, the office of William Brunton, No. 169 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of June, next.—Dated, New-York, the 13th day of November, 1873.

DEBORAH PRIESTLEY,
Executrix, &c.
n14-law6m*F

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against WILLIAM M. WHITE, late of the City, County, and State of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Foster & Thomson, No. 69 Wall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 13th day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 9th day of December, 1873.

LAURA CLIFTON, KNAPP POMEROY, CAROLINE PIERCE,
Executrices.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against SAMUEL MARSH, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 111 Broadway, (Room No. 4,) in the City of New-York, on or before the 18th day of July next. Dated New-York, the 15th day of January, 1874.

JOHN J. MARSH,
THOS. E. STILLMAN,
Administrators.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of GEORGE TUGNOT, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of Rufus B. Cowing, at No. 160 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 20th day of August next.—Dated New-York, the 11th day of February, 1874.

RUFUS B. COWING,
P. D. P. RICKETTS,
H. R. DEMILT,
Executors.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against CHARLOTTE BRINCKERHOFF, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, No 52 Wall st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 15th day of October next.—Dated New-York the 2d day of April, 1874. The New-York Life Insurance and Trust Company, Administrators, with the will annexed, by HENRY PARISH, President.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ADELINE L. HAGEN, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his residence, No. 8 East Twenty-ninth street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of August next.—Dated New-York, the 21st day of January, 1874.

THOMAS HITCHCOCK, Executor.
ja23-law6m*F

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against PETER F. RANDOLPH, late of Dunellen, N. J., merchant, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his office, No. 333 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 15th day of August next.—Dated New-York, the 23d day of January, 1874.

WILSON G. HUNT, Executor.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against WILLIAM PAYNE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of A. W. Speir, No. 49 William street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of October next.—Dated New-York, the 23d day of March, 1874.

JEMIMA PAYNE,
Executrix.
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